

American U.N. officer kidnapped

TYRE (R) — Bearded gunmen seized an American officer of a U.N. trace organisation in South Lebanon Wednesday, security sources said. They said the officer, identified as Richard Higgins, was travelling in a car flying the U.N. flag and escorted by a number of bodyguards. The escort opened fire but failed to prevent the abduction. The sources said the officer was only appointed to the U.N. Trace Supervision Organisation (UNTSO) a month ago. Tahir Goksel, spokesman for the U.N. Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO), said U.N. forces launched a wide hunt for Higgins. "Most of UNIFIL is involved in the search, including helicopters, and we are getting substantial help from the Amal (militia)," he told Reuters by telephone. He said Higgins disappeared near the Rashidiyah refugee camp while driving south from Tyre to UNIFIL headquarters at Naqura. Goksel said Higgins was driving his own car behind another vehicle containing three UNTSO officers.

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Goulding in Syria for Mideast talks

DAMASCUS (R) — U.N. envoy Marrak Goulding arrived from Beirut Wednesday to discuss Middle East peace efforts with Syrian officials. The official Syrian Arab News Agency (SANA) said he met Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa soon after his arrival and was due to have talks with Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam. It said talks between Goulding, U.N. assistant secretary general, and Sharaa focussed on international moves to achieve peace in the region and on the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories. Diplomats said the U.N. envoy was expected to seek Syria's help in gaining freedom for two Scandinavian U.N. relief workers kidnapped in South Lebanon on Feb. 5. Goulding will also visit Jordan and Egypt and possibly Israel and the occupied territories.

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Qatari emir receives Prince Mohammad

DOHA (Petra) — The emir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani, met here Wednesday with His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad. Prince Mohammad, who arrived here Tuesday, conveyed the greetings and best wishes of His Majesty King Hussein to the Qatari emir and people. During the meeting, Sheikh Khalifa praised Jordan's efforts during the Arab summit held in Amman in November and the positive outcome of the summit.

Abbas leaves

AMMAN (Petra) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee member Mahmoud Abbas left Amman Wednesday at the end of a visit during which he held talks with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai on Middle East developments, the uprising in the occupied Arab territories and contacts related to this uprising being made on the regional and international levels.

Mubarak sends message to Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — Egypt's Foreign Minister Esam Abdul Meguid flew in Wednesday carrying a message to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Abdul Meguid told reporters the letter from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak dealt with "bilateral relations and the Middle East situation," but would not elaborate.

Judges inspect Taba beach

CAIRO (R) — Judges involved in arbitration of the Taba beach dispute between Israel and Egypt inspected the small Red Sea beach for the first time Wednesday, officials in Cairo said. The five judges — three European neutrals, one Israeli and one Egyptian — spent about four hours studying contested boundary markers at the 250-acre beach resort at the head of the Gulf of Aqaba.

Bahrain-Qatar dispute goes to int'l court

DOHA (R) — Bahrain and Qatar have taken steps to submit their dispute over a cluster of Gulf islands to the International Court of Justice in The Hague, the emir of Qatar was quoted as saying Wednesday. Saudi Arabia last December said the two sides had agreed to take the dispute to the Hague and the emir, Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani, said that Qatar and Bahrain were committed to Riyadh's proposal and would abide by the court's decision. Doha and Bahrain "took actual legal measures" to submit the issue to the International Court, the emir told the Lebanese magazine Al Hawadeth in an interview.

Morocco puts alleged spies on trial

RABAT (R) — Three Moroccan diplomats and a doctor have gone on trial before a Rabat military tribunal accused of spying for the Soviet Union, defence lawyers said Wednesday. Morocco's first espionage trial since independence in 1956 is being held in camera.

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1 more Arab killed, 6 shot and wounded in continuing revolt

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli soldiers shot and killed one Palestinian and wounded at least six others Wednesday as Arabs escalated anti-occupation protests in the West Bank and Gaza and senior Israeli officials accepted in public that the events in the occupied territories were indeed a popular uprising.

The latest fatality happened after troops opened fire in the village of Shuyukh, near Hebron, a military spokesman said. The dead man was identified as 19-year-old Ismail Hussein Mohamad Halaykah.

The spokesman said a group of 150 Arab protesters attacked soldiers who were trying to clear stones from a road with a bulldozer. The soldiers fired at the demonstrators' legs, he said. But a doctor at Jerusalem's Makassed hospital said the dead man was killed by a bullet in his lung, and two other people underwent operations for gunshot wounds in the mouth and abdomen. The other casualties were hospitalised in Hebron.

The incident started early Wednesday morning when the army imposed a curfew on the village of Sa'ir, arresting 15 "inciters." Five women were wounded trying to stop soldiers from making the arrests, he said.

The officer said other villagers went to nearby Shuyukh to warn residents the army was on its way. By the time the soldiers arrived, a crowd had gathered. They hurled rocks at the soldiers, and troops responded by opening fire.

One of the wounded, Khaled Abu Rumei, told the Associated Press from his hospital bed that soldiers had entered Shuyukh at about 5 a.m. to round up suspected protesters. "They started breaking into houses and taking people away," said Rumei's mother, who would not give her first name. She said soldiers clubbed her when she tried to stop them from detaining one of her sons.

The army declared the village a closed military area, and soldiers turned back reporters who went to the scene in early afternoon. A local Palestinian, Ali Shehadeh Halaykah, said young men arrested in an overnight raid in Sa'ir escaped and fled to Shuyukh. The army burst into houses looking for them while a crowd gathered on the street and clashed with the soldiers.

Later, as relatives waited anxiously outside the Alia hospital in Hebron, Arabs pelted an army jeep with stones and the soldiers replied with tear-gas, an eyewitness said.

In another protest at the Shuafat refugee camp north of Jerusalem, soldiers fired at a crowd of about 500 people, a spokesman said.

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King sends message to Iraqi president

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Wednesday paid a brief working visit to Iraq during which he delivered a message from His Majesty King Hussein to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on the latest developments in the region, current political moves in the region, as well as the outcome of the King's recent tour of European countries and talks with the European Community (EC) foreign ministers.

Rifai and the Iraqi president also discussed relations between Jordan and Iraq and latest developments in the region.

The meeting was attended by Iraqi First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yasin Ramadan, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and Jordan's ambassador in Baghdad.

Rifai told reporters in Baghdad



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that he also discussed with the president means of supporting the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab territories. He

said that he exchanged views with the Iraqi officials on issues of common concern.

In reply to a question by the

Iraqi News Agency on "the procrastination by some parties in implementing sanctions against Iran" as called for by U.N. Security Council Resolution 598, Rifai emphasised the need for enforcing the resolution in full.

He also voiced Jordan's support for adopting another U.N. Security Council resolution which would impose a ban on arms sales to Iran.

The prime minister said that the Palestinian uprising would continue until the elimination of all reasons which led to the revolt. The uprising, Rifai said, "is a true expression of the Palestinians' rejection of the Israeli occupation."

He also stressed the necessity of supporting the uprising and enable it to achieve its national goals.

Kinnock arrives in W. Bank, underlines need for peace

KING HUSSEIN BRIDGE (Agencies) — British opposition Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock began a four-day visit to the occupied Arab territories Wednesday saying he intended to discover what was holding up an international Middle East peace conference.

"My purpose is to find the reactions and secure details so that I am in better possession of the facts relating to the international conference and what impediment remains to progress towards it," he told reporters on arrival from Amman.

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Prime minister confers with Polyakov, restates position

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai conferred Wednesday with Soviet Foreign Minister Middle East Department Director Vladimir Polyakov on Middle East issues and initiatives for peace in the region.

The prime minister reaffirmed Jordan's firm stand and its rejection of partial solutions, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

Jordan, the prime minister said, "adheres to the idea of an international conference which it considers as the most ideal forum for bringing about a lasting settlement for the Arab-Israeli conflict," Petra reported.

Rifai and Polyakov also discussed the Iran-Iraq war and the prime minister called for implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 to bring about peace to the Gulf region, Petra said.

Polyakov reiterated his country's support for an international conference and expressed Moscow's concern over the Gulf war and the Soviet Union's keenness to see peace in the Gulf, Petra said.

Polyakov left Amman later Wednesday.

An unidentified official was quoted by the Associated Press as saying Polyakov's talks in Amman were expected to focus on the new American initiative for Arab-Israeli peace.

The official pointed out that the American proposals make no mention of a direct Soviet role in peacemaking efforts, the AP said.

The official told the AP that "Jordan is having extensive contacts with other countries on the

U.S. says it continues to favour Mideast peace in return for land

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The White House has reaffirmed its support for exchanging territory for peace as part of a Middle East agreement, despite opposition from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Tuesday the United States had made its views known to Israel "in the strongest language possible." He said it was the only realistic solution to Middle East conflict.

"Our policy remains territory for peace and recognition of (U.N. Resolutions) 338 and 242," Fitzwater told reporters in Santa Barbara, California, where President Reagan was ending a three-day holiday.

Fitzwater also confirmed that Secretary of State George Shultz, who has taken the lead in trying to revive Middle East peace efforts, met briefly with a representative of Shamir last weekend.

"This is sincere advice to the PLO... accept 242, taking advantage of what is happening in the West Bank and Gaza... the situation there is like a baby that needs better circumstances to grow up and get strong," he said.

Al Khaleel newspaper of the United Arab Emirates Wednesday also called for an urgent Arab summit to consider "all means of support for the Palestinian revolution."

Arab panel to meet

A group of Arab foreign ministers charged with coordinating support for the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories will hold their first meeting in Tunis Saturday, Arab League sources said in Tunis Wednesday.

The group was formed at an emergency Arab League foreign ministers' meeting last month.

The committee comprises Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi, the head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation Political Department, and the foreign ministers of Jordan, Syria, Algeria, Tunisia, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

Meanwhile, Klibi had talks in Tunis with a senior Soviet envoy, Mikhail Sytenko, on the Palestinian uprising and proposals for a Middle East peace conference, the sources added.

of unabated Palestinian protests in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The United States has advanced a new initiative based on initial Arab-Israeli talks on limited "autonomy" for the occupied territories and then negotiations by December on their final status, according to Israeli officials.

Radio Israel reported that Olmert told Hill that Shamir would never agree to negotiate a final settlement for the occupied territories on the basis of a formula that would force Israel to give up the lands and said if Shultz continues with this approach, the new American initiative would fail.

Fitzwater gave no details of the talks with Olmert. "Secretary Shultz declined to comment... saying that those discussions

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Soviets begin dismantling missiles in East Germany

BERLIN (AP) — The Soviet Union has begun dismantling part of its intermediate range nuclear arsenal in East Germany, the state-run news agency ADN reported Tuesday night.

According to the report, rockets stationed near Neubrandenburg, north of Berlin, have been dismantled, crated and are ready for transport back to the Soviet Union.

ADN did not say when the rockets would be transported back to the Soviet Union.

East German television late Tuesday showed soldiers loading missile crates onto transport vehicles.

Under a treaty signed in Washington in December by U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the superpowers agreed to eliminate the medium-range missiles.

The U.S. senate has yet to ratify the treaty.

West German government officials Tuesday night declined comment on the report.

ADN said Soviet soldiers "are

making the last preparations to return their SS-12 rockets" to the Soviet Union.

The rockets are shorter-range weapons included in the intermediate range forces (INF) pact, which banned weapons with a range from 500 to 5,500 kilometres.

In Moscow, Gorbachev criticised Britain and other Western European countries Tuesday for a lack of enthusiasm for the INF agreement.

Gorbachev met with British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, who defended Britain's nuclear policy at a news conference in the Soviet capital.

"While generally approving the INF treaty, the leaders of NATO countries have been acting as though the situation in Europe since its signing had only worsened," Gorbachev said, according to the official TASS news agency.

The Soviet leader also said the West was dragging its feet at a conference in Vienna to work out a format for new talks on conventional forces in Europe.

Arafat, Baz hold talks in Cairo

CAIRO (Agencies) — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat made a surprise visit to Cairo for consultations on the situation in the Israeli-occupied territories, officials said Wednesday.

They said Arafat arrived Tuesday night from Kuwait, held talks with presidential adviser Osama Al Baz then left for Tunis.

It was Arafat's first visit since the PLO and Egypt improved relations last November following a seven-month freeze during which PLO offices in Cairo were ordered shut in retaliation for Palestinian criticism of Egyptian policies.

His visit also comes at a time of increased Arab and American diplomatic activity to revive stalled Middle East peace efforts.

Earlier Tuesday, Arafat strongly hinted that an anti-violence agreement he had signed in Cairo in 1985 had been nullified following the killings of three PLO officers in Cyprus

U.S. military team to visit Iraq for talks on Gulf war

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — U.S. military officials will travel to Baghdad this week for new talks on preventing accidental Iraqi air attacks against American warships and merchant vessels in the Gulf, the Defence Department said.

"The flights of the Iraqi Badgers right before the weekend gave us a great deal of concern," Assistant Defence Secretary Richard Armitage told reporters Tuesday.

"We will be sending a team there in the next couple of days to review procedures to assure we are all singing from the same hymn," he said, adding that the team would probably be drawn from the U.S. military command in the Gulf.

Armitage met reporters to announce a slight reduction in U.S. naval forces around the Gulf but said the American policy of protecting 11 Kuwaiti tankers and other U.S. flag ships from attack in the Iran-Iraq war region had not changed.

He said the battleship Iowa and two escort vessels — the cruiser Ticonderoga and destroyer Deyo — headed home from the northern Arabian Sea over the weekend, cutting the U.S. force in the region to 25 ships.

The helicopter carrier Okinawa and its contingent of mine-hunting helicopters will head home later this month, he said.

U.S. forces in the Gulf reported last week that an Iraqi Badger bomber had to be warned by flares from a U.S. destroyer after it flew within 5 kilometres of an American-escorted tanker convoy. The jet reportedly fell harmlessly into the sea.

Although the missile apparently was not fired at the convoy, the incident renewed fears of a repeat of last year's devastating Iraqi missile attack on the U.S. Navy frigate Stark, which killed 37 American seamen.

Iraq said that attack was an accident, an explanation accepted by the United States.

In discussing the change in U.S. Gulf forces, Armitage cautioned against any speculation on a reduced American commitment in the volatile region.

Private analysts told Reuters the slight fleet reduction would have little, if any, effect on America's ability to strike Iran if U.S. forces or shipping in the region came under attack.

Armitage said the Okinawa will be replaced by a smaller ship carrying attack helicopters, but not the big RH-53 mine-hunters.

Enterprise to replace Midway

Armitage also said the nuclear aircraft carrier Enterprise has replaced the smaller aircraft carrier Midway in the northern Arabian Sea, giving U.S. forces "greater retaliatory capability" with some 90 navy aircraft compared to 75 on the Midway.

He said the United States had no plans to extend naval protection to merchant ships which do not fly the American flag in the Gulf.

"That could change in the future... I don't want to slam the door on anything," he said.

A possible replacement for the command ship of U.S. forces in the Gulf entered the waterway Tuesday accompanied by a frigate.

Reporters on a press helicopter 20 miles north of Dubai identified the vessels as the auxiliary supply ship Coronado and the missile frigate Samuel B. Roberts.

The Coronado, originally an amphibious assault craft, was re-fitted as a command ship in 1980 while the La Salle, the current U.S. flagship in the Gulf, was being refurbished.

U.S. sources have hinted that the La Salle, now based off Bahrain under the command of Rear Admiral Harold Bensen, may be replaced.

U.S. officials were not immediately available to say if its role would be taken up by the Coronado.

The Samuel K. Roberts is a similar Perry-class ship to U.S. frigates now protecting U.S.-flag tankers.

One of them, the Reuben James, started Tuesday to escort a new convoy of two Kuwaiti tankers south from the northern

Gulf emirate to the Strait of Hormuz at the entrance to the Gulf, shipping sources said.

They named the tankers as the 297,739-tonne supertanker Townsend and the 46,723-tonne liquid gas carrier Gas Princess.

U.S. to continue escort

The United States will always maintain enough naval units in the Gulf to preserve freedom of navigation, the White House asserted Tuesday.

Spokesman Martin Fitzwater declared the administration's policy in the Gulf has not changed, although the time has come "to fine-tune our forces."

Fitzwater, speaking to reporters in Santa Barbara, avoided characterising the level of threat faced by the naval forces of the United States and European allies but acknowledged the "nature" of the threat has changed.

President Reagan is spending the long Presidents Day weekend at his ranch near Santa Barbara.

The ship movement, Fitzwater said, "represents a fine-tuning of our position in the Gulf, and not a policy change that would be reflected in overall forces."

Fitzwater noted that the administration has said consistently that its policy is to "have as much military strength as is necessary to perform the mission."

He said the level of that strength "changes from time to time" without affecting the governing policy.

As a step toward bringing the Gulf war to an end, he said, the administration wants to reduce its naval presence in the Gulf. "In the context of our first objective in the Gulf," he said, "which is to end the war there, to hopefully get a diminished threat, then the answer is yes, we want to reduce our forces. Our role is to reduce tensions, to reduce the nature of the threat and hopefully to reduce our military presence there. But I want to say that in such a way that it is clear that our military presence is adequate to the task and we are not taking ships out just to be reducing strength, but we are doing it to reflect the needs. With all that said, we would like to reduce our strength."

U.S. labour federation rebukes Israel

BAL HARBOUR, Florida (AP) — The United States' biggest labour organisation Tuesday condemned Israel for its "use of excessive force" against Palestinian civilians the past two months on the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The condemnation was issued by the 14.3-million-member AFL-CIO labour federation's Executive Council an hour after meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz, who is scheduled to make a week-long visit to the Middle East beginning on Feb. 24 to promote new negotiations on Palestinian self-rule.

While blaming Islamic fundamentalists for "fueling the flames of violence in the occupied territories," the AFL-CIO said the Palestinian demonstrations did not warrant the "unnecessary force" used by Israeli army on occasion.

"No doubt such incidents can be attributed to the inexperience of the Israeli army in riot control and other police functions, and to the frustrations of Israeli soldiers as they confront young Palestinians hurling stones and petrol bombs," the federation said.

"These factors may explain, but they cannot excuse, and the AFL-CIO cannot condone, the use of excessive force against civilians."

Reza Hardesty, a spokesman for the labour federation, said it is the first time the AFL-CIO has made any criticism of an Israeli action.

The annual winter meeting of the Labour leaders here was Shultz' last stop of an extended weekend in southern Florida to gain support from traditional friends of Israel for his effort to soften Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's opposition to entering new peace negotiations.

"There's been so much emphasis on the process... direct negotiations on the one hand, an international conference or some kind of international vehicle on the other... that the discussion has become a little sterile," he told reporters Tuesday. "If we are going to get going, we need to talk a little bit more about the substance of what we want to happen."

Iran sets blunt condition to help French hostages

PARIS (R) — Iran has cold-shouldered appeals for the release of three Frenchmen held hostage in Lebanon, telling Paris to restore relations with Tehran before it can expect any help.

The blunt condition was set by Iranian Deputy Prime Minister Ali Reza Moayeri in an interview with French television Tuesday marking the 1,000th day in captivity for French journalist Jean-Paul Kauffmann.

Two French diplomats have also been held since March 1985. Moayeri said that until France restored relations broken off last July, "no move in favour of the hostages can be made."

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, after listening to Iran's virtual acknowledgement that it held a key to the hostages' future, responded that France could only restore ties once the three were home safe.

Chirac's prompt rejection came in a tense interview on the Antenne-2 network, watched by Kauffmann's parents in a link-up with the family's Brittany livingroom, where photographs of their son topped the fireplace.

Chirac said he sympathised with the family but begged them to understand that negotiations for the release of the hostages required secrecy.

Paris severed ties with Tehran last summer after the Iranian embassy refused to let a French judge interrogate an Iranian suspected of complicity in a wave of Paris bombings in 1986.

Police besieged each other's legation for months until two French hostages held by pro-Iranian Shi'ites in Lebanon were released in November.

The sieges quickly ended and France later ordered a crackdown on exile Iranian dissidents, in what critics said was clearly a deal with the government of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Pakistan now handles Iran's diplomatic business with France.

and Italy provides a channel to Tehran for Paris.

Villagers in Kauffmann's hometown, Corps-Nuds, released hundreds of balloons in an emotional demonstration of hope for his release and marathon athletes ran overnight to Paris to mark his 1,000th day as a hostage.

At the Paris headquarters of UNESCO, the U.N. cultural agency, the heads of journalists' union in France, Britain and the United States appealed for the release of Kauffmann, along with other newsmen held captive, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson and British cameraman John McCarthy.

UNESCO Chief Federico Mayor promised to intercede with member states but did not name Iran.

French President Francois Mitterrand, interviewed on television, pledged to continue efforts to free the journalist, whose kidnapping has been claimed by the

pro-Tehran Islamic Jihad group. "This is a barbaric act which affects one of our citizens... a man who is being held in practically unsupportable conditions," he said.

Referring to the families of hostages held in Lebanon, Mitterrand said: "Hang on, believe me nothing will be neglected, but it's really hard, really difficult in the face of this pitiless act."

Politicians from France's left and right gathered in Paris with Kauffmann's wife and two sons, as well as former hostage Roger Augue, released in November.

Kauffmann was with another Frenchman, Michel Seurat, whose "execution" was later announced by Islamic Jihad, but there has been no independent confirmation of his death.

"We always have hope, that's what keeps us alive," Kauffmann's father Marcel told reporters.

Israeli intellectuals call for talks with Palestinians

TEL AVIV (AP) — A group of leading Israeli writers called on the government to withdraw from the occupied territories and conduct direct negotiations with Palestinian leaders.

"I am in favour of a Palestinian state alongside Israel as early as tomorrow morning," author Amos Oz told more than 500 people who gathered Tuesday to protest Israeli policy in the occupied lands.

"I am in favour of a Palestinian state... because that is the way to life. Other ways lead to death."

The Association of Israeli Playwrights organised the gathering, which drew widely known actors, singers and poets, including several who had not previously expressed their views publicly on the unrest in the occupied lands.

One of them, poet Erez Biton, said that the uprising in the occupied territories made it clear to him that through 20 years of Israeli occupation the Palestinians had become a nation.

"I think this is the first time I'm not too mad at the Palestinians," Biton said. "From their point of view, their behaviour is absolutely one of honour."

The rebellion, which broke out on Dec. 8, has intensified the controversy among Israelis about

what to do with the territories occupied during the 1967 Middle East war.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, head of the right-wing Likud Bloc, is against yielding any part of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in return for peace.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, head of the left-leaning Labour Party, favours compromise.

Both Israeli leaders advocate peace talks with Jordan and refuse to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Oz said the Israeli crackdown on Palestinian demonstrators was increasing hatred between Arabs and Israelis. He predicted Israel's occupation would eventually collapse whether the two sides reach agreement or not.

Yehoshafat Harkabi, a lecturer at the Hebrew University, said Israelis and Arabs were beginning to realise they have no choice but to accept one another.

"The Arabs have learned that if the conflict continues it will become hell for both Israel and the Arab countries," said Harkabi, a former army intelligence chief. "Both the Palestinians and the Israelis will suffer because both are in the same boat."

Mahdi: Rebels blocking aid

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — Prime Minister Sadek Al Mahdi has accused southern rebels of "food terrorism," saying that they refused to give safe conduct to a non-governmental organisation offering relief for starving Sudanese in the south.

Answering questions Tuesday in the constituent assembly, the national parliament, Mahdi said the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) had insisted that the relief aid be distributed through them. He said the rebels wanted to use the aid "for political reasons" and distribute it among rebel supporters only.

Mahdi accused the SPLA of being a terrorist organisation, and said it was using food as a weapon against the southern population.

The prime minister said that the Council of Mercy, a Sudanese non-governmental organisation, had been denied safe conduct by the SPLA.

But the council's chairman, Pacifico Lodo Loleik, implicitly denied this. He said that his talks with the rebels in Ethiopia had not failed and that he would be going back to resume negotiations.

Mahdi denied charges by parliamentarian Angelo Guang that 24 persons had starved to death in the southern Upper Nile province.

Libya accuses Habre of preparing for war

BEIRUT (R) — Libya accused Chadian President Hissene Habre Tuesday of preparing for war against it with the support of France and the United States.

The charge echoed Monday's statement by Habre accusing Libya of preparing to attack Chad despite a five-month-old truce over the disputed Aouzou Strip.

In reaction, a Libyan Foreign Ministry statement said: "Habre accuses Libya of war preparations while he receives military help from France and America. The aim here is clear. He accuses others of what he is doing and planning to do."

"The aim of Habre's accusations is to prepare for an aggression on Libya with French and American support," said the statement, carried by the official Libyan News Agency (JANA), monitored in Beirut.

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HOME BRIEFS

FINNISH MINISTER: Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Fathi Abu Taleb Wednesday met with Finland's Defence Minister Ole Norrback during a stopover he made here Wednesday. Abu Taleb briefed the Finnish minister on Jordan's defence policy and the military situation in the region. Finnish consulate sources in Amman told the Jordan Times that Norrback arrived here earlier Wednesday from the occupied West Bank and later left for Damascus.

HAI BASSAN MEETS ENVOY: Minister of Transport and Communications Khaled Haj Hassan Wednesday reviewed with U.S. Ambassador in Amman Roscoe Suddarth bilateral cooperation in transport and telecommunications field, and ways of boosting this cooperation.

TALKS ON AIDS: A meeting called for by Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh was held Wednesday at the Health Ministry to discuss a World Health Organisation (WHO) recommendation for combating AIDS, and the resolutions taken by the international conference on AIDS held in London in January. Hamzeh briefed the meeting on the grave consequences of the disease which, he said, threatened the whole world. He also called for intensified efforts by official and nonofficial institutions to combat the disease. A national Jordanian committee was set up during the meeting to study the human and legal aspects of the disease.

QUIZ TIME: Those seeking thrilling times are in for a mental showdown Friday evening, as a group of intellectuals stage a general knowledge contest. The American University of Beirut (AUB) Alumni Club is organising the event to be held at 7:00 p.m. at Jordan Intercontinental Hotel in Amman. Participants in the contest will be divided into three five-member groups representing the faculties of engineering, medicine and art and science.

AFFORESTATION PROJECT: The Ministry of Agriculture Secretary General, Dr. Salim Al Lawzi, discussed with Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Regional Director Michel Elkhazmi the setting up of a project for developing afforestation and pasture lands in Jordan in cooperation with the FAO. The main task of the proposed project will be to draw up plans, conduct researches and train Jordanian personnel in this field. The FAO official expressed the organisation's readiness to help Jordan in implementing this project.

UREIKAT MEETS ENVOY: Minister of Labour and Social Development Rashid Ureikat Wednesday met with Spanish Ambassador in Amman Ramon Armengod. They discussed Jordanian-Spanish relations and cooperation, especially in labour and social development fields.

MORE TREES IN MA'AN: The Ma'an Department of Agriculture has embarked on implementing a plan for planting trees along roads in different parts of Ma'an governorate. The department Director Samir Ghaliyeh said that apart from the road-sides, the department plans to plant trees on 38,000 dunums of land. At present, he said, his department is distributing saplings of fruit and forest trees to the public at nominal prices.

BEST PAINTING: The Ministry of Education is organising a competition at government schools in Amman area, for producing the best drawing or painting that can depict the current uprising in the occupied Arab territory, and the best essay about that uprising. According to the Amman Director of Education, Abdul Qader Arabiyat, the winning school will be presented with a gift, and an award will go to the student or students who produce the best work.

11 POISONED: Eleven employees from the Tomato processing plant at Deir Allah, in the central Jordan Valley region, were admitted to the government hospital here for treatment from food poisoning. The victims had drunk coffee and soon afterwards felt nausea and dizziness and began vomiting, according to local physicians. They said that the victims might have drunk coffee boiled with water that had traces of chemical substances. All but two of the victims have been discharged after treatment and an investigation is underway.

FUNDS FOR UPRISING: Members of the contractors union in Karak governorate, will hold a meeting Thursday to discuss means for extending financial help to the people of the occupied Arab territory in view of the current uprising there.

COMMITTEE ELECTED: Zarqa Development Corporation (ZDC) Monday elected a new nine-member administrative committee, headed by Mustafa Majdalawi.

Hmoud urges training of agricultural personnel

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud Wednesday called for a joint programme, to be worked out by Egypt and Jordan, for promoting their cooperation in training of personnel employed in agricultural fields.

Hmoud, who was speaking at a meeting with visiting Egyptian Minister of Agriculture's Under-Secretary Mohammad Fahim, said that Jordan gives priority to development of manpower,

which is considered the basic and most essential factor in any development process.

For this reason, Jordan attaches importance to training human resources for promoting agricultural production, the minister noted.

He said that the seventh Joint Jordanian-Egyptian Higher Committee meeting gave due consideration to the exchange of expertise between the two countries in agricultural fields.

Sudanese team in Amman

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation from the Sudanese Police Department led by Maj.-General Abdullah Abdo arrived here Wednesday on a five-day visit to Jordan and talks on promoting Jordanian-Sudanese cooperation in security affairs. The delegation will also tour a number of police departments and police institutes.

Abdo and his delegation will meet with Public Security Department (PSD) Director Lieutenant-General Abdul Hadi Al Majali and other senior police officers. Upon arrival the Sudanese delegation were greeted by PSD Assistant Director Maj.-Gen. Nasouh Mahieddin and other senior police officers.

Masri to hold cooperation talks in Sanaa on Feb. 21

AMMAN (Petra) — The Joint Jordanian-Yemeni Higher Committee is due to hold a meeting in Sanaa between Feb. 21 and 23 to discuss mean of promoting bilateral cooperation in economic, social, cultural, health and technical fields, according to an official announcement here Wednesday.

The announcement said that the two sides will be led by their Foreign Ministers, Taher Al Masri and Abdul Karim Al Iryani. The higher committee was formed following a visit to North Yemen in 1985 by His Majesty King Hussein, and is designed to bolster Jordanian-Yemeni relations.

Since its formation, the committee held a series of meetings, the last of which was held in Amman in the middle of February 1987. During the meeting, the two sides decided on a number of measures aimed at developing bilateral cooperation in a number of fields.

At present, a Jordanian technical delegation led by the director of the Vocational Training Corporation (VTC), Munther Al Masri, is on a visit to North Yemen to explore areas where skilled Jordanians can be employed, especially in education, engineering and medical services.

The delegation's visit paves the way for a formal agreement to be signed by the two sides before practical steps can be taken.

The technical committee groups representatives from the Ministries of Education, Health, Finance, Public Works, and Housing and from the Civil Service Commission.



GERMAN ARTIST'S EXHIBITION: Works of well-known German artist Horst Janssen are now on display at the Goethe Institute in Amman. Tebe Boettger, the owner of works and a close friend of the artist, introduced the 40 works on display. The exhibition runs through Feb. 25. Janssen enjoys an international reputation and is considered to be one of the most important "dessinateurs" of today.

Mountaineers impressed by Wadi Rum peaks

By Nermeen Murad
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — "Jordan has the potential to cater to all types of tourists," the leader of an Italian mountaineers expedition to Jordan said, recalling his strongest impression of the Kingdom at the end of a 25 day visit.

Paolo Caruso, instructor at the Italian Mountaineering Club of Latina, told the Jordan Times that the expedition's mainly exploratory trip through Wadi Rum and its mountains, left them with the feeling that "the beauty and uniqueness of the desert is such that it deserves to become a national park."

"This would maintain its character and beauty and would keep the area as it is today," he said. Giulia Baciocco, a physician, added that "Jordan has a lot of potential for tourists, there are many different attractions to see and all within a few hours of each other, you could visit the Dead Sea, Roman ruins, deserts, mountains, the Red Sea and many other attractions."

Baciocco also said that Wadi Rum provides a mountain climber with so many different types of climbs, ranging from unclaimed peaks to peaks with different heights. "The main feature of Wadi Rum is the peculiarity of the

area, offering a wide ranging variety of possibilities for heights and routes," Caruso said adding that "trackers would especially enjoy the great scenery."

According to the leader of the expedition the low and medium level mountaineers could achieve great satisfaction in repeating beautiful climbs on classical routes to the highest and best known mountains of the region.

For high level and top climbers, he added, the area has a great potential for pioneer activities looking for other unclimbed summits or new routes which need exploration which, according to Caruso, "nowadays is not easy to find elsewhere."

The six member expedition group climbed three unclaimed peaks, Jabal Su'ayfan, Jabal Umm Al Nafuss, and Jabal Mahraj. For long climbs, Jabal Burdah and for short climbs the Sunset Wall (west dome of Abu Khshelbah), Jabal Su'ayfan, Su'ayfan, Burdah and Jabal Mahraj.

In addition, the expeditioners climbed Jabal Rum the highest peak in the area along the Hamad's Route which had already existed.

The members of the team were, Baciocco, Caruso, Antonio D'Onofrio, Roberto Ferrante, Antonio Muscas, and Oscar Netto.



Zaid Hamzeh

Hamzeh lays stones for health centres

IRBID (Petra) — Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh Wednesday attended two ceremonies at the northern towns of Nu'eimeh and Sakhrat in Irbid governorate for laying the foundation stones for primary health services centres to be set up in the two areas.

In a speech on the occasion Hamzeh said that his ministry has laid down a comprehensive plan for setting up primary health service centres in all regions of the Kingdom for the sake of expanding and promoting services to the public.

Tabbaa meets local merchants

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply Hamdi Tabbaa held talks Wednesday with local merchants and importers on questions related to the importation of food supplies to Jordan and the delay of imported stuff at the customs warehouses, pending proper procedures and other formalities.

During the meeting it was agreed that a joint memorandum on problems and other issues related to the importation process, be worked out and submitted for discussion before proper resolutions can be reached.

The Jordan Times Tuesday published interviews with local merchants who were complaining about delays in the process of clearing imported foodstuffs.

Some of the merchants said that they have to pay a certain fee each day for the goods pending clearance.

One of the merchants said that a recent decision by the concerned authorities ordered that imported goods remain in custody until after the conclusion of safety tests which could take up to 15 days to complete.

After the meeting with the merchants, the minister met with the board of the union of clearing offices to discuss a system for ensuring the clearing of goods and means of guaranteeing speedy operations.

Later Wednesday, Tabbaa met with representatives of insurance companies and reviewed with them conditions of their companies and the question of merger among some of them.

Agreement was reached on the formation of a committee representing the ministry and insurance companies, to work out a system for improving and promoting the work of the insurance companies in Jordan.

Medical education conference concludes

AMMAN (Petra) — A four-day regional conference on medical education in the Eastern Mediterranean Region was concluded here Wednesday at the University of Jordan.

The conference discussed six working papers on topics related to integration between medical and health care, priorities in medical education, strategies of medical education at universities and medical institutes as well as policies of student admission at the faculties of medicine.

Taking part in the conference were advisors and experts from 23 countries in the region and the World Health Organisation (WHO) as well as the World Federation of Medical Education president, Professor Henry Walton.

Zawaideh, SFD chief discuss cooperation

RIYADH (Petra) — Minister of Public Works and Housing Shaqib Zawaideh met in Riyadh Wednesday with the chairman of the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), Sheikh Mohammad Al Suqair, to discuss Jordanian-SFD cooperation for road projects in Jordan.

Sheikh Suqair voiced his satisfaction with the level of bilateral cooperation and Jordan's honouring of its commitment to the fund.

SFD currently finances the Zarab-Ghor Haditha Road project and Aqaba ring road project in southern Jordan.



Thousands of mourners march in the funeral procession of Mohammad Sultan and Mohammad Hassan Bubeis in Amman Wednesday (Photo by Youssef Al 'Allan)

Palestinian martyrs buried

By Sa'd G. Hattar
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The bodies of two Palestinian martyrs killed Sunday in a car explosion in Limassol, Cyprus were laid to rest Wednesday amidst animated sentiments, national songs and yodeling by thousands of mourners.

Wrapped in the Palestinian flag, the caskets of the late Mohammad Sultan (Hamdi) and Mohammad Hassan Bubeis (Abu Hassan) were buried at the crowd-chanted "God is great, we shall revenge the killings," at Sahab's Martyrs Cemetery.

Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Daud, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Aziz Khayyat, public figures and Jordanian and Palestinian dignitaries attended the funeral, some 25 kilometres south east of the capital.

A speech by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat's Political Advisor Hani Al Hassan at the

funeral was interrupted many times by national songs and slogans vowing vengeance against "Israel and its supporters."

Hassan flew in Tuesday evening to attend the funeral on behalf of the PLO Chairman. More than 15 police vehicles escorted the nearly two-kilometre cortege, which left the University of Jordan Hospital where the bodies had been kept, and made its way through the foggy streets of the capital.

Teary-eyed men, women and children, some held aloft, read prose and poetry eulogising the martyrs and the cause for which they died.

Carried over shoulders, twelve-year-old Jawad, Sultan's son, was making a "V" sign throughout the funeral and he marched with the "cheering" crowds as they made their way from the cemetery's mosque to the graveyard.

Sultan, Bubeis and a third PLO officer, Col. Marwan Kayyali, were killed in a car bomb attack in Limassol, on the southern Cypriot coast. The PLO Tuesday pledged to avenge the killing of its members by staging attacks against Israeli targets all over the world.

Born in Jafa in 1953, Kayyali is survived by a wife and a little girl. Thirty-seven-year-old Sultan was born in Hebron and has two daughters besides Jawad. Hebron-born Bubeis was forty four when he died and has four children.

In a speech on behalf of Arafat, Hassan praised the victims' "patriotic goal for the sake of Palestine and the defeat of Israeli occupation."

Kayyali's body was flown to Lebanon for burial Wednesday.

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Fatigue

ISRAELI Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has been quoted as saying that he sensed some "fatigue" in the two-month-old Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza. He is right to sense fatigue.

There is fatigue with Israeli policies that rely on military force to resolve an essentially political and human dilemma.

There is fatigue with an Israeli and a Jewish people — a nation, even, if that is what the Jews feel themselves to be — that refuses to see in the Palestinians the mirror image of the Jewish quest for national expression.

There is fatigue with an Israeli attitude that relentlessly lauds the ability of the Jews to preserve their identity for thousands of years, but is surprised that the Palestinians should do the same thing over a period of less than 100 years.

There is fatigue with Israelis who plead a higher sense of national morality, while torturing, deporting, starving, bombing and burying alive Palestinian men, women and children.

There is fatigue with an American government that voted for Palestinian self-determination and a Palestinian independent state in 1947, but that has spent the subsequent 40 years refusing to accept that self-determination applies to Palestinians as well as to all other people on Earth.

There is fatigue with an American government that champions the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate, but that does not respect the right of Palestinians to the same inalienable right to remain in or to return to one's ancestral homeland.

There is fatigue with Israeli-American policies that demand self-determination and sovereignty for other peoples, but offer only self-rule for the Palestinians.

There is fatigue with double standards, and with anti-historical reliance on force to resolve problems that are beyond the realm of force.

There is fatigue with American and Israeli leaderships that fear the truth, that deny history and that espouse different moral and political standards for different people.

There is fatigue with an Israeli-American attitude that says the whole world is wrong, but that the Israeli-American position is right.

There is fatigue with politicians who sell themselves cheaply for electoral gain.

There is fatigue with statesmen who are irresolute and dishonest.

There is fatigue with moral cowardice.

There is fatigue with misplaced militarism.

There is fatigue with lies.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: A genuine uprising

HIS Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said that the Palestinian people's uprising in the occupied Arab territory has refuted all Israeli allegations that the Palestinian people had succumbed to the will of the Israeli occupation. The uprising has brought to the surface the real feelings of the Palestinians and focused the world's attention on the Arab-Israeli conflict in all its aspects. Prince Hassan told the journalist delegation accompanying British Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock on his visit to Jordan that democracy and freedom are rights to all peoples including the Palestinians who are rising against the Israeli oppression and occupation, following 40 years of foreign domination and arbitrary and inhuman practices. The uprising, Prince Hassan said, came to put things in their right perspective and to make the Israeli society realise the grave responsibility it is now shouldering by maintaining occupation of Arab land by force. The uprising has brought back to the fore the question of giving the Palestinian people their legitimate rights and their homeland. Prince Hassan stressed that Jordan has always sought a permanent and a complete solution for the problem and it is now seeking an international conference to bring justice and peace to the Middle East region and to end all forms of invasion and expansion by Israel in the Arab territory. He said that the international community should shoulder the responsibility of helping the Palestinians regain their land and their rights.

Al Dustour: Jordan pursues peace

PRINCE Hassan in an interview with Egyptian journalists dwelt on the Arab-Israeli conflict and the means that can ensure a lasting peace in the Middle East and end Israel's occupation of Arab land. In its drive to achieve peace Jordan has been cooperating and coordinating steps with Egypt and both countries have been seeking the help of the Soviet Union, the United States and European nations to help end the conflict in the area and reestablish peace. Both countries are adhering firmly to the idea of an international conference which they consider as the best forum for achieving a lasting peace based on justice and the implementation of U.N. Security Council resolutions on the Palestine question. The political leadership in Egypt and Jordan are not only making mere statements about their positions with regard to the problem but are also coordinating their steps in deciding on the terms of reference for such a conference and paving the ground for such an important meeting. Jordan and Egypt are also in total agreement on supporting the uprising of the Palestinian people and in backing the Palestinian people's rights and struggle for freedom. Cooperation between Egypt and Jordan is manifested in the numerous political stands and in continued consultations on every step that can contribute to the establishment of peace.

Sawt Al Shaab: Similar views on peace

FOREIGN diplomatic envoys visiting the Middle East nowadays hear the same views about the Middle East question from all Arab capitals regardless of any initiative put forward for discussion. These views have been unified at the Amman Arab summit where the Arab leaders came to agreement on all questions concerning the higher Arab interests and decided that only through the international conference can a just and durable peace be achieved. Any partial agreement cannot deal fairly and justly with the Arab-Israeli conflict and cannot safeguard the interests of the Palestinian people. Prince Hassan summed up the Arab stand in his meetings with Egyptian and British journalist delegations on a visit to Amman and he drew world public attention to the fact that the uprising on the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip has come about as a result of the sufferings and the continued Israeli oppression over the past years. The Arab stand was backed anew by the Soviet Union whose envoy to the region Vladimir Polyakov said that his country supports the Arab views about the conference and appreciates King Hussein's endeavours to arrive at a peaceful settlement.

The U.S. need to lead in Israel

By Jimmy Carter

ATLANTA — While the situation in the occupied territories continues to deteriorate, neither the Palestinians nor the Israelis can or will make the first genuine move toward reconciliation. Only strong action from Washington can end the violence.

Among several dozen Palestinians with whom I met in the occupied territories last year there was an almost unanimous assertion that the Palestine Liberation Organisation was their sole representative and spokesman, but at the same time a realisation that the PLO was almost totally ineffective in making progress, that life under Israeli military rule was becoming increasingly unbearable, that somehow they had to take care of themselves and that violence was increasing inexorably among the young. My impression was that the adults did not deplore this latter trend.

Israelis were understandably concerned about their security, and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and other powerful leaders still able to block any concessions expressed fears that reduction of military authority in the occupied territories and yielding of power to Palestinian Arabs would weaken Israel's ability to maintain control of its own destiny. Most of the Palestinians and the political leaders in Syria, Jordan, Egypt, China, the Soviet Union and Britain expressed to me their agreement that the most acceptable route to peace was through an international conference to be convened by the five

permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

In this approach, the Security Council would provide for direct talks between Israel and its neighbours, guarantee the enforcement and financing of agreements, but reject any right either to impose decisions on the Middle East participants or to veto

any deals made in bilateral negotiations. There was strong support for these basic premises among Labour Party leaders in Israel, opposition from most Likud leaders and equivocal reactions in Washington.

For 40 years, self-anointed Arab representatives have over-dosed Palestinians with political promises and unfailing underperformance. The PLO has proved incapable of bettering their economic or political condition. It is obvious that no combination of Arab forces can compel Israel to leave the territories.

The superpowers have been focusing their attention on domestic affairs, arms control, Central America and Afghanistan — not on peace in Palestine. Since 1967, all manner of verbal accords, declarations, frameworks, plans and resolutions have not changed the political status of the 1.5 million Christians and Muslims living under Israeli occupation. They see no significant prospects for change in a stalemated Israeli government.

Now the sustained confrontations in the West Bank and Gaza are forcing Israelis and others to consider the grievances of the Palestinians. Their anger has focused on Israel, but they are almost equally annoyed with other powers that have failed to change their perennial status as outcasts and pariahs. The young demonstrators have exhibited an unprecedented commitment to their cause and a surprising threshold for absorbing personal pain. They have found themselves to be instant heroes when beaten or imprisoned, and are not likely to cease their demonstrations, regardless of the reaction of Israeli soldiers.

By burning tires and throwing stones, the Palestinians have induced the Israelis to respond with strong action — real bullets fired into demonstrating crowds and deliberate beatings of people on the streets and in their homes. These actions have brought a wave of revulsion and condemnation, expressed most vehemently by Jewish and other supporters of Israel in the United States, who are put in the unenviable position of defending a long-term military occupation and the denial of basic human rights. Without using terrorism or armed struggle, young Palestinians are appealing directly to the conscience of the world. They have pre-emptively attacked Israel's most cherished characteristic: its moral fiber.

The violence may contribute to better prospects for early peace talks: Such an effort cannot wait until after this year's elections in Israel and the United States. The highly publicised suffering and violence have attracted the world's attention and revealed some potentially beneficial changes. New forcefulness and leadership among Palestinian Arabs have enhanced their role and decreased the influence of other Arabs. Many Israelis have been

forced to examine the plight of their neighbours and to acknowledge the damage to their own nation's reputation as a democracy dedicated to justice and human rights.

With anger and mutual recrimination at a high pitch in the region, there is an increasing need for outside efforts to initiate negotiations, most notably from the United States. Regrettably, the Reagan administration responded for too long only at the ambassadorial level with an inevitably fruitless attempt to orchestrate exclusive talks among Israelis, Jordanians and West Bank and Gaza Palestinians. Many Israelis — and their adversaries — will welcome the news that Secretary of State Shultz now plans to intercede personally. The time is surely right for such an intervention, bringing with it the full influence of the White House.

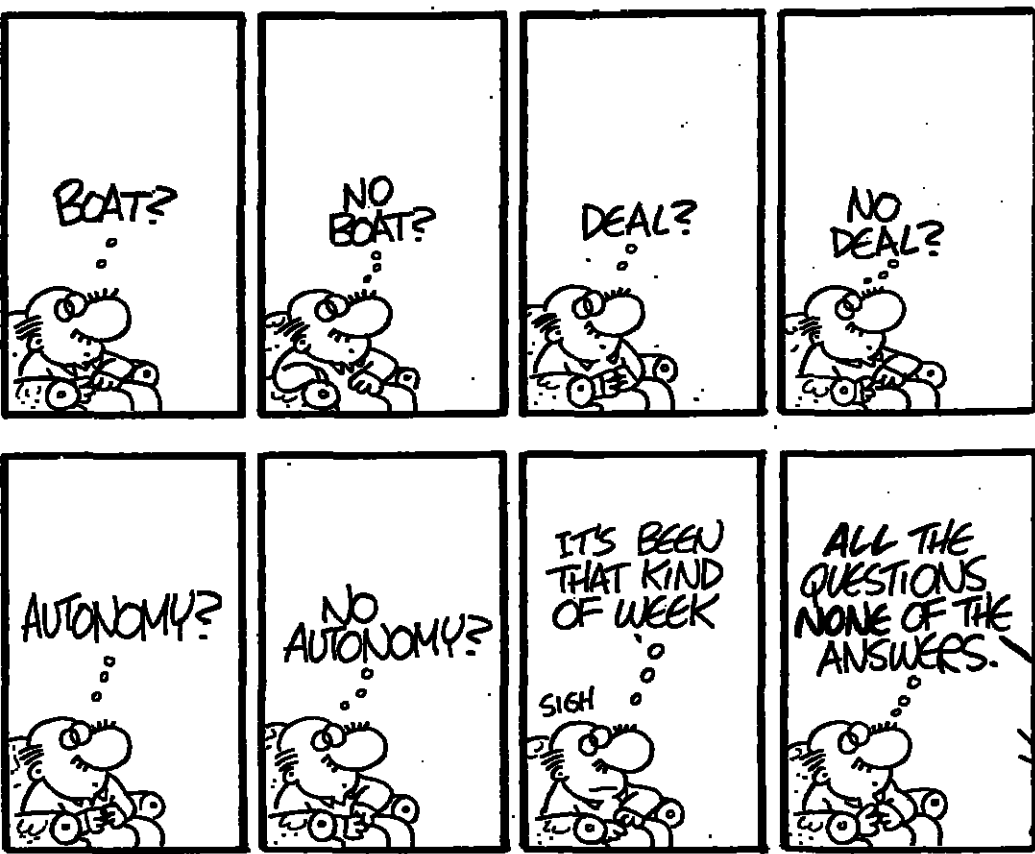
There are some immediate steps that can be taken to stop the violence and at the same time move toward permanent peace. These include:

— Exploring ways to open market outlets for the manufactured goods and agricultural produce of Palestinian Arabs.

— Announcing a freeze on new Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

Holding municipal elections, as was done in 1972 and 1976 as a first move toward Palestinian self-rule — a move already advocated by influential young leaders within the Likud bloc.

But these steps alone will not resolve the crisis. Washington should pursue talks involving Israel, all its neighbours and the permanent members of the Security Council, with the goal of bringing all the parties into an international conference. With strong American leadership, despite some inevitable objections from Israelis and others, it is possible to bring great benefits both to Israel and her neighbours. Peace is not a zero-sum game; it is a win-win proposition. — The New York Times.



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Palestinian uprising continues

Jerusalem, troops fired rubber bullets at residents wounding a 10-year-old child in the kidneys, military sources said.

The army also reported protests but no casualties in Gaza where Arabs threw rocks at army patrols.

A military court sentenced Wafiq Mansour, 55, an Arab from the village of Tira, to life in prison for allegedly planting a bomb last February on a Haifa-Jerusalem bus. Nine passengers were injured, several of them seriously.

Five members of the local council of Al Ram, a town on the outskirts of Jerusalem, resigned their posts this week, former deputy council head Bahjat Zaal said Wednesday.

Leaflets from the underground United National Leadership of the Uprising called on Palestinian officials to leave public office in protest against the Israeli occupation.

Zaal said his resignation and that of his colleagues were unrelated to pressures either from Palestinians or Israelis and were motivated by internal differences with the council head.

"We came to the council to serve the people and we left because we cannot serve them for a number of reasons, the situation in general and the policies and actions of the council head," he said.

The Al Ram councilmen made up the largest group of officials to

PLO postpones 'return voyage'

journalists and others on the voyage to Haifa.

Israel has neither confirmed nor denied it was responsible. The blast tore a hole in the ship's ballast tanks which was estimated by a salvage expert to take 10 to 12 hours to repair.

The PLO unsuccessfully tried to charter a ship in the Greek port of Piraeus during the previous week.

"Israel had earlier used tactics of threats and intimidation against companies to prevent them from providing us with a boat which would take us to the homeland," Sayeh added.

The journey of the "ship of return," as the symbolic voyage

U.S. backs land in return for peace

would remain private as part of his quiet diplomacy. So I don't know what they said specifically," he said.

However, an Israeli official in Washington, who asked not to be identified, indicated to Reuters that Shamir's position may not be as unyielding as it seemed.

"Of course the Likud is against territorial compromise but the Likud is not excluding anything in negotiations," he told Reuters. "That's what negotiations are for."

Shamir: Plan too speedy

Shamir said in Rome Tuesday the United States wanted to complete negotiations on a Middle East peace plan before Reagan's term ended but a speedy settlement would be difficult.

"What they want is to end all

step down, following individual resignations of council members in three other Palestinian towns.

Wednesday's death brought to 57 the unofficial death toll of Palestinian demonstrators killed in 10 weeks of uprising in the West Bank and Gaza.

The army, which usually confirms shootings after lengthy delays, said Wednesday seven Palestinians were wounded late Tuesday in clashes at the Fawwar refugee camp south of Hebron. Hospital officials said that in addition to gunshot victims they treated 12 Arabs who were injured by rubber bullets or beaten.

Also Tuesday, soldiers shot and wounded two Palestinians in the West Bank village of Kabatyeh and another in the nearby city of Jenin, hospital officials said.

Israel's deputy army chief Tuesday described the 10 weeks of Palestinian demonstrations in the occupied areas as a popular uprising.

"What we confront is a widespread violent uprising led by a nucleus of activists and which enjoys the support and cooperation of the masses," Major-General Ehud Barak told a news conference.

This contradicted statements by Israeli leaders who have said the demonstrators had little support among the 1.5 million Palestinians of the occupied territories.

was called, may go ahead in months or years, a PLO official told Reuters.

"Our return boat shall not be the last. We shall continue the struggle for peace, justice and freedom," Sayeh said.

The 106 deportees will return to their countries Thursday, officials said, while foreign correspondents who flocked to Athens to cover the event will also go home.

Three thousand demonstrators, including the expelled Palestinians, marched to Israel's diplomatic mission in Athens Tuesday and burned Israeli flags in protest against the bombing of the ship in Cyprus.

This process of very complicated negotiations before the end of the term of the present U.S. government — before the end of the year," he told a news conference during a three-day visit to Italy.

"It is a very ambitious idea, given that the timetable will be very tight."

He said the United States was suggesting that negotiations on an interim period of "autonomy" for the Israeli-occupied territories should be followed immediately by talks about the future status of the territories.

"There is a trend in the American government to blend various elements... some elements taken from the Camp David agreement... and maybe some ideas from American officials," Shamir said.

Prime minister meets Polyakov

U.S. plan" before a visit later this month by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz.

Washington is proposing an "international meeting" in April as a first step towards direct Arab-Israeli negotiations, followed in December by talks on limited "self-rule" for Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Meanwhile, another Soviet official arrived in Baghdad carrying a message from the Moscow leadership to President Saddam Hussein.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported the arrival late Tuesday of a senior Soviet diplomat, Oleg Grinevsky, and said he was carrying a message for the Iraqi president. Contents were not disclosed.

Kinnock arrives in West Bank

Hikmat Al Masri. He was due to stop later at the offices of an Arab human rights group in Ramallah before meeting Palestinian leaders from the Jerusalem area.

Kinnock is scheduled to visit the occupied Gaza Strip Thursday before his visit to Israel which is at the invitation of the Israeli Labour Party.

Kinnock will meet Peres several times as well as other Labour leaders and will also hold talks with right-wing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Before leaving Amman Wednesday, Kinnock met with Lower House of Parliament Speaker Akel Al Fayed and reiterated his belief that peace in the Middle East region can only be reached through an international conference.

INA quoted another Soviet official, Baghdad Commercial Attaché Lazarev Oleg, as saying the value of trade between Iraq and the Soviet Union reached \$1.2 billion in 1987, which it said was a 46 per cent increase on the previous year.

In Tehran, Iranian President Ali Khamenei has told a visiting Soviet official that the United States and its Western allies may try to gain influence in Afghanistan once the Soviets withdraw, Tehran's Islamic Republic News Agency reported Wednesday.

The agency said Khamenei met Tuesday night with the Soviet Union's deputy foreign minister, Vladimir Petrovsky.

Referring to the new American initiative, Kinnock said that he did not expect it to achieve any success because "it is not based on the concept of the international conference."

"Any delay in resolving the Middle East problem," Kinnock added, "is bound to further aggravate the situation in the region."

LETTERS

Road safety education

To the Editor:

I CANNOT but agree with Elizabeth Hanna's letter to the editor (Sunday, Feb. 14), that constructing so-called "sleeping policemen" in the vicinity of all schools would be a deterrent to speeding motorists and would surely save young lives.

There is, however, another approach to the same problem which requires even more urgent consideration. I speak of the education of the children themselves in good road safety practices.

I witnessed recently a group of school children suddenly setting off at a run across a main road. Realising that they had cut it too fine for the on-coming motor car, panic set in and the group scattered, with some turning back, others continuing and leaving one smaller child frozen with fear in the middle of the road. Happily, the car managed to pull up just in time and no one was hurt; but the motorist himself was left badly shaken by the experience. I know, because the motorist was me!

The point is, that these children broke every rule in the book of good road safety practice.

I would like to recommend that road safety education becomes the responsibility of every school in Jordan, so that all children are made aware of the dangers awaiting them and how best to avoid them.

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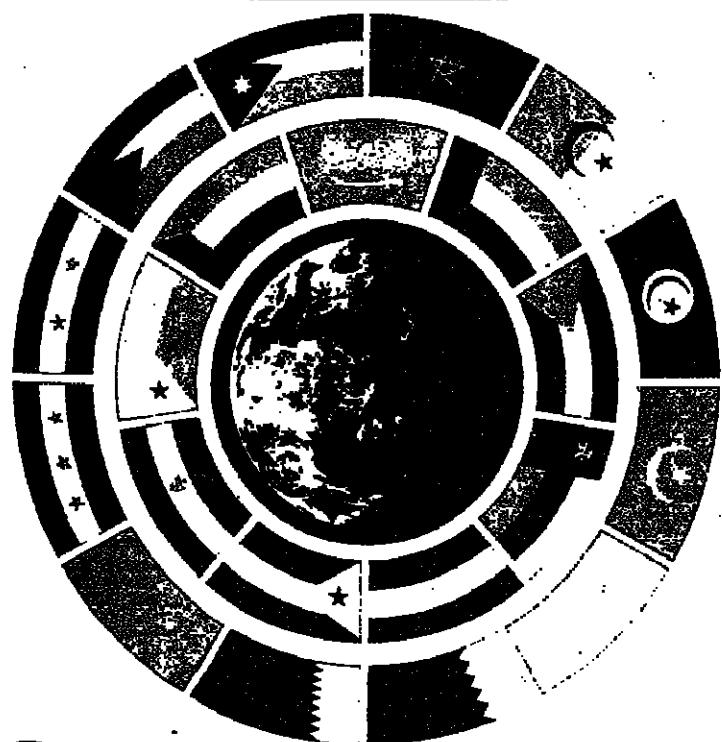
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Some have some hope

Three scholars on Saturday held a discussion on the future of the present Arab order, Najwa Najjar reports:

AMMAN — Over forty years have passed since colonialism, considered to be the cause of the Arab World's division, ended. Yet the Arab states have remained at odds with one another and the Arab peoples' national aspirations for unity remained unfulfilled, three prominent Jordanian political analysts and public figures agreed during a debate.

The Arab order (Al Netham Al Arabi) which is defined as the existing Arab states and the cooperation they achieved mostly through the institutional and political framework of the Arab League, has failed and there was little hope for it to achieve Arab people's aspirations, said the analysts at a discussion held Saturday. They pointed out internal and external factors which have interacted to deepen Arab differences and impede their unity.

As part of the discussion, entitled: "The future of the Arab order after the Arab summit," University of Jordan political science professor, Dr. Kamel Abu Jaber, prominent lawyer and former minister, Taher Hikmat, and chairman of the Board of the Jordan Press and Publishing Company (Al Dustour), Mahmoud Sharif, proposed several means to revitalise and reinvigorate the work of the Arab order to be more compatible with the ambitions of the Arab people.

According to them the Arab order since its inception in the 1940s was incapable of protecting the interests of the Arab Nation, the future of its people and Arab nationalism in face of aggression, even though it was established on the basis of national belonging, geographic proximity and similarity of interests.

"We managed to free ourselves from the shadow of the Ottoman umbrella. However, we awakened to find ourselves still surrounded by enemies: Imperialism, Zionism and backwardness," said Dr. Abu Jaber, chairman of the World Affairs Council in Amman.

A grim present

The divisions in the Arab World, which the colonialists created, were maintained by the Arabs "for our own purposes," Abu Jaber said. The present looks grim to him as he sees that the Arab people have no say in their own affairs and no chance to manipulate their circumstances. "We have become accustomed to reaction and not to action, to surrender and to accept our fate in most cases."

Abu Jaber points out that after the 1967 war one setback has followed the other because the war proved the demise of Arab military and psychological might. "This has led to a demise of Arab security."

In agreement with Abu Jaber, Sharif added that it has become apparent that it is difficult for any one Arab state to protect its national security, land and people against the threat of Iran or Israel.

Although the Arab order has survived, "it has been helpless in face of the member states' deviations," Hikmat believes.

He said the only concrete result of the Arab order was the formation of the Arab League. However, the Arab League is not the only bond that keeps the Arab order. "The Arab order consists of governmental and pan-Arab institutions and organisations, the Arab conscience, problems, miseries, feelings and national tendencies," he said.

"The effectiveness of the Arab order depends on two conditions: Its foundation or the axis upon which it revolves, and the existence of a leadership such as the leadership of the late Egyptian President Gamal Abdul Nassir."

The lack of these two conditions does not mean that the Arab order has ceased to exist. Hikmat refers to the '50's '60's when there was ideological polarisation in the Arab World and to how consequently the Arab order's base was moved from one

Arab state to another. "Despite differing views over Arab priorities and over ways to struggle against Israel, and the death of Abdul Nassir, we see that the Arab order is able to continue its existence," he said.

People's will exists

Hikmat and Abu Jaber believe the existence of the Arab order indicates the existence of an Arab will and desire for unity. They referred to the Amman summit as being a significant step in reviving hope in the Arab individual and in unifying ranks within the Arab order.

"The Arab summit reached an agreement to eliminate conflicts and to accept into the Arab order those who were outside the Arab consensus on Iran," Hikmat said. "The summit was a response to the situation in the Arab World which indicated that it was crucial to hold such a conference."

Hikmat added that there was a "new trend in the pan-Arab efforts" which he called "a new mechanism to correct the deviations of any member state." "There is an insistence that member states within the Arab order should conform to pan-Arab principles in dealing with all problems presented, and should not be allowed to veer away from general national principles," Hikmat said.

However, he noted that although the heads of Arab state at the summit agreed to tackle certain issues and to take correcting measures, the measures were not fulfilled because the differences between Iraq and Syria were too deep. "The future stability of the Arab order requires greater effort on all levels, especially in deepening the member states commitment to unity," he said.

Security, security

Hikmat suggested there should be a separation between the security need of the governing elites and national security; reformation of the Arab League by including elected bodies which represent the Arab people such as the Union of professional associations to ensure that the league would not be bound by bureaucracy; to enhance the legitimacy of the Arab regimes by responding to the aspirations of their peoples; and for states not to oppose mobilisation of their peoples national feelings.

"Public opinion and groups can apply pressure on the leaders to ensure a stand on national goals that the people want," Hikmat said, adding that this was proved by the ongoing uprising in Palestine.

Sharif went further by calling for a people's movement aiming at Arab unity. "The drive for Arab unity must continue, it is not a closed issue because it failed in the '50s. It will be a long struggle, but we must struggle using peaceful means."

To him it is essential to minimise the independence of states within the Arab World for economic reasons. He believes that economics is key to the viability of the Arab order both militarily and economically.

"We must move quickly to reinvigorate, strengthen and reconstruct the present Arab system," he said. The idea is to set up an Arab regional economic block which may have within it smaller blocks such as the countries of greater Syria and the Magreb.

The future lies in establishing a real Arab common market which would reinvest Arab capital in the region in order to develop the Arab Nation, its agriculture, industry, research and technology.

"This way we will create progress," Sharif said that problems of poverty, unemployment, external debt, development, and even arms production would be solved within a national framework. He believes that economic blocks have become more important than governments, "if you notice, everyone is speaking to economic blocks not to governments," he said.

Israelis bury 4 Arab youths alive

The following article is reprinted from The Sunday Times issue of Feb. 14. On Monday, Feb. 15, the Israeli army confirmed that its troops in the occupied territories on Feb. 5 buried four Arab youths under wet earth. Two Israeli soldiers were arrested for investigation.

By Marie Colvin

THE ISRAELI army is investigating a claim that, in an act of extreme intimidation, soldiers using a bulldozer buried four Palestinian youths under a mound of wet earth after beating them almost senseless. The allegations come at a time when the Israeli army is already under increasing criticism, at home and abroad, for its policing of the occupied territories, where violence has continued for the last two months.

The four youths, who could barely move after their beatings, had to be dug out of the earth by local villagers. A hospital doctor who treated them afterwards said the youths could have died if they had not been pulled clear of the mound which, according to villagers, was four feet high.

Brigadier-General Ephraim Lapid, the Israeli army's chief

spokesman said: "The reports are being taken very seriously. There is a serious investigation going on at the very highest levels."

According to witnesses in the isolated mountain village of Salim in the West Bank, Israeli soldiers dragged four youths from their homes after a protest, beat them, ordered them to lie face down in a field and used a bulldozer, which had been working nearby, to heap sodden earth on top of them, covering the heads and bodies of three of the youths. Another youth was buried up to his neck.

One of the boys is still in hospital. The Palestinian doctor who treated the youths in Jericho said that they were covered in earth when they arrived, had sand in their ears and hair and had difficulty breathing. He said their condition was consistent with heavy pressure on the body, particularly the rib cage, and he believed they had been buried. They were extensively bruised on their limbs, backs and around their heads and shoulders.

Last week, I went to Salim. It is a collection of mainly one-storey concrete houses lining dirt tracks which lead to a solitary paved road. The road is now blocked at

the entrance to the village by an eight-foot high barrier of bulldozed earth. About 50 yards in front of this barricade is the mound where villagers say the army tried to cover the youths.

I spoke separately to each of the four victims — Abdul Latif Shieh, 19, his cousin Isam Shafiq Taher Shieh, 20, Mustafa Hamdan, 27, and Muhsein Mohamad Said, 20 — and to the villagers who say they witnessed the incident, including a man who has sworn a statement for a lawyer, Jonathan Kuttub, who wants the boys to press their case against the army.

I examined the youths' bodies and confirmed that nearly a week after the incident they were all still suffering from severe bruising. One had difficulty walking.

The story they tell began on February 5, when a crowd of youths carrying Palestinian flags marched from the Salim mosque towards the main road, rolling boulders across the road and setting tyres ablaze. Jewish residents of a nearby settlement, Elon More, called in the army, saying that the youths were stoning passing cars.

The army arrived and battled with the youths down the road

from the village, firing tear gas and rubber bullets. At least five youths were injured. Soldiers on the scene declared a curfew and entered the village at about 2 p.m. They went into four homes, dragging out the four youths and the 15-year-old brother of Muhsein Mohamad Said.

The five were beaten on their arms, legs and backs and forced to clear stones from the road. They were hit with batons and rifle butts as they worked, but, perhaps because of his youth, Zakaria was freed after stones had been cleared. The other four were then forced to the village entrance.

Shieh, still in Jericho hospital, speaks in a monotone about the incident as though he cannot believe it happened. Both his arms and one of his hips are fractured.

"They beat us as we cleared the street, with sticks and guns. Then they took us to the front of the village. The bulldozer was there putting up a wall to block off the road," said Shieh.

He said the soldiers, accompanied by one of the Jewish settlers, made all four youths lie face down on the ground in the field and continued to beat and kick them. "I could hear the bulldozer but I couldn't see it. I couldn't move because my arms and legs hurt too much."

He said the bulldozer dumped a load of wet earth on the four, covering their feet and lower legs. Then it returned with another load that covered his back.

Mustafa Hamdan was able to understand what the soldiers were saying because he speaks Hebrew, having worked in an Israeli factory. He said they were forced to sing "Golani Golani" while clearing the road. Golani is an elite unit in the Israeli army. Defence force spokesmen confirmed that Golani troops were operating in the area but would not confirm that they had been present at the incident.

Hamdan, his face still puffy and his right eye still black, said: "Soldiers told us to lie on our faces like we were praying. I felt the earth on my feet and I tried to edge up so it wouldn't be on my head, but a soldier had a boot on my head."

He said he was covered up to his shoulders but his head was partially protruding.



From left, Mustafa Hamdan, Muhsein Mohamad Said and Abdul Latif Shieh, three of the victims, the fourth still in hospital

Encyclopaedia of Arabic names coming

By Ken Haley

Reuters

MUSCAT — What's in 140,000 names? The makings of a book that will have personal relevance for the world's 100 million Arabs. A pet project of the Sultan of Oman, Qaboos Bin Said, the four-volume digest of every personal name in the Arabic language is not due for publication until 1990.

But already researchers logging each new entry in their computers have acquired knowledge. For instance, they have found that 95 per cent of Arabs bear the 15,000 most common names in Arabic, even though they comprise only 11 per cent of the total number.

Last week Sultan Qaboos met the advisory committee he appointed under the chairmanship of his personal adviser on economic planning, Mohammad Al Zubair, to produce the reference work.

Zubair, in an interview with Reuters, later explained how the project had been conceived.

"His Majesty noticed that he could not find a particular book in the Arabic library that he wanted to read... He had looked for such a book two or three or four times, and then he thought: 'Why not create one?'"

So in 1985 he commissioned Zubair to list and analyse names in use from Oman in the east to Morocco in the west and gave Zubair's task force five years to complete the job.

Zubair explained how he and his colleagues went about it: "We made a sample of about two per cent of the population from 12 countries and this gave us in the region of 7.5 million names."

As Arabs commonly have a first, middle and last name this profusion of names denoted 2.5 million people from the participating nations — Oman, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, North Yemen, Egypt, Iraq, Morocco, Tunisia and Jordan.

140,000 different names

Between them the 2.5 million people whose names were gathered from telephone directories, hospital records, school, court, police and army files were found to share 140,000 different names.

But that is where the investigation really begins because, as an academic work, the "Sultan Qaboos library for the study of Arabic names," the publication's working title, aims to explain the provenance and significance of names throughout the Arab World.

Sources consulted include historians and linguistics profes-

sors in Egypt and Oman, besides publications both modern and medieval.

"First we see if a name is originally Arabic or not, then if it is Islamic or not, where it is used most and where it is not so common," Zubair said.

"Our aim is not only to produce a reference work. It is about meaning, religion, history, social derivation and why it is occurring where it is."

In 1990 the finished work will be published in four main volumes and six minor ones. Two of the major ones will include information on the 15,000 most popular names the other two will constitute a register of the other

125,000 in popular use today.

A companion volume titled "Famous People of Oman" will tell readers who was who in Oman over the past 1,000 years. No living person will be included, Zubair explained, to avoid controversy.

For "famous people", 1,030 names are already stored in the computer awaiting biographical analysis. Another 150 names will be added to the list, which is being selected from existing historical works.

Zubair confirmed that his own first name, Mohammad, is the most popular in the Arab World, followed by Ahmed, Abdullah and Ali.

Randa Habib's Corner

The green, green streets

I HAVE often heard that the rain in Spain, for some reason or the other, stays mainly in the plain.

Lucky are the Spaniards. In Jordan, rain stays mainly in the streets and everywhere we don't want it to be. When a rain storm strikes here, nobody fails to feel its "chilling" effect on our daily lives.

At home, roofs leak and in the streets, if you manage not to step into water pools left by the rain, a passing car will make sure to spray some of the liquid mixed with some mud onto your best suit.

When it rains in Jordan, you can be sure that rain will make enough holes and craters to give car mechanics good business for the remainder of the year.

Why is it that when it rains in Jordan, rain water insists on staying on our streets? I have always wondered. Is it to make business for car mechanics or is it to benefit garment cleaners as cars keep spraying pedestrians?

I tend to believe that none of the above is the case, as I don't see why the municipality of Amman should be biased as to benefit car mechanics and cleaner shops alone. I think the reason why rain falling on Jordan prefers staying on the streets rather than go somewhere else where it could be useful, is a problem related to the planning of streets such as elevation schemes and engineering.

Having asked several engineers on the extremely sophisticated process of forcing water off our streets, I discovered that the task, though not easy, was less difficult than building a space shuttle. Then, why isn't the municipality doing it?

Perhaps the municipality does not recognise this as an important problem. On the contrary, it may be part of the municipality's plans for a greener Amman. Maybe with so much water remaining on the streets, vegetation and trees would grow in the middle of our streets. And what is going to complain about vegetation? Not me!

Aspirin may prevent some types of stillbirth

By Paul Verschuur

The Associated Press

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands — Aspirin, one of the world's most common painkillers, may also offer a cure for some women whose pregnancies usually end in stillbirth, a Dutch gynecologist said Friday.

Small daily doses during pregnancy may prevent ideopathic growth delay, according to Prof. Henk Wallenberg of the Dijkzigt Hospital.

Without the aspirin treatment, fetuses affected by the disease simply fail to grow in the womb, Wallenberg told the Associated Press.

In a programme that began in 1983, Wallenberg has been treating 43 women who have all had one or more stillbirths and no healthy children because of ideopathic growth delay.

He published part of his findings last November in the American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, he said, adding that those findings were based on work with a much smaller group of women.

The women in the latest programme delivered a total of 47

healthy babies, and only one patient had a stillborn child because of the disorder, Wallenberg said. Two additional stillbirths were of different origin, he said.

Doctors do not know what causes ideopathic growth delay. Wallenberg, who said the condition affects from 1 to 2 per cent of all pregnancies, said the term "is medical jargon for saying you don't understand a thing about it."

Link to blood vessels

The problem has been linked to the blood vessels in the placenta, which lines a pregnant woman's womb and plays an important part in the development of the fetus.

A pregnant woman has about 1.5 liters more blood than a woman who is not pregnant, while the blood vessels in her placenta widen progressively during the pregnancy.

In pregnancies affected by the disease, those vessels remain too narrow, Wallenberg said.

Aspirin's role in widening them is similar to the part it plays in fighting heart disease, the gynecologist explained.

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Skaters keep Soviet Union top of the medals chart

CALGARY (Agencies) — Soviet figure skaters delivered a familiar one-two in the Olympic pairs final Tuesday — the same kind of knockout Pirmin Zurbriggen wants to deliver in his bid for Alpine skiing immortality.

The gold-silver sweep by the Soviets in the only medal event of the fourth day of competition kept them at the head of the table with seven titles decided.

Their tally reads: three golds, three silvers and one bronze against 2-0-0 count of nearest rivals East Germany.

Hours before diminutive Ekaterina Gordeeva and Sergei Grinkov led Elena Valova, partnered by Oleg Vasiliev, to first and second place in Calgary's impressive Olympic saddle, Swiss maestro Zurbriggen staged a repeat downhill triumph.

A day after Zurbriggen conquered his rivals in the blue ribbon speed test he handed out similar punishment on the shorter

Mount Allan run, first half of the two-day Alpine combination event that pairs flat out downhill skiing with the supremely technical slalom.

In between a relatively thin day of action a storm of criticism erupted after a Canadian coach suggested that the Soviet Union's triumphant Nordic cross-country skiers could have been blood doped.

Vitaly Smirnov, Soviet member of the executive board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), retorted: "It's a very big mistake. All the athletes were checked for blood transfusions, including the medalists, and there were no marks found."

"It's wrong for the Canadian coach, who is representing the host country, to say this."

Canada's top Olympic official, Roger Jackson, said: "It was stupid. He's made an accusation he has absolutely no ability to back up."

Soviet skiers filled four of the first five places in the women's 10-km race Sunday and followed with three of the top four in the men's 30-km event Monday.

Back on the slopes Zurbriggen, contesting all five Alpine categories, headed Frenchman Franck Piccard by 0.48 of a second.

His chances of winning after Wednesday's slalom were further strengthened by the withdrawal of combined world champion Marc Girardelli. Austrian-born Girardelli, representing Luxembourg, aggravated an elbow injury.

Michela Figini, another top Swiss, again set the fastest training time in practice for the defence of her Olympic women's downhill crown Thursday.

The crack East German bobsleigh squad dropped Sarajevo double gold medalist Dietmar

Schanerhammer from their two-man line-up, according to a senior team official.

Team manager Horst Hoernlein agreed the brakeman had problems but said that no decision had been reached on who would partner driver Wolfgang Hoppe at the weekend.

Women's luge

The East Germans, with two golds so far, appeared certain to add another after Wednesday's final two runs in the women's luge. They held the top three spots after Tuesday's first two runs.

Ute Oberhoffner, the 1984 Olympic bronze medalist, had a combined time of 1 minute, 31.963 seconds, 1984 gold medalist Stef Walter had 1:32.001 and 1987 world champion Cerstin Schmidt had 1:32.098.

The racer best positioned to prevent an East German sweep Wednesday was West Germany's Veronika Bilgeri, more than one-half second behind Schmidt at 1:32.696.

Schmidt's course record of 45.788, set a year ago, did not fall Tuesday. The best run was Walter's first — 45.828 seconds.

Meanwhile, West Germans Thomas Schwab and Wolfgang Staudinger beat the track record in a practice run for the luge doubles, a race to be run Friday. But they were only 0.05 seconds

faster than East Germans Stefan Krause and Jan Behrendt.

Finns win cross-country

Marjo Matikainen, Finland's stellar cross-country ski sprinter, became a double medal winner Wednesday by adding gold to her previously won bronze.

Winds, gusting up to 140 kph, forced at least 24-hour postponement of 90-metre team ski jumping and the final two runs of the women's luge competition at Canada Olympic Park on Calgary's western outskirts. Gusts also wiped out training for the women's downhill on Mount Allan, 90 kilometres away.

But, lower down Mount Allan's slopes, wind conditions were less severe and allowed the slalom leg of the men's combined Alpine skiing to begin on schedule.

Switzerland's Pirmin Zurbriggen, winner of the regular downhill Monday, held the halfway lead in the combined. Although not the fastest down the slalom course, Zurbriggen was still positioned to clinch his second gold after finishing the first of two slalom runs in 44.32 seconds.



American-Czech ice hockey action at Sarajevo during the 1984 Winter Games

Canada takes top division slot; Poland pulls up Sweden

CALGARY (AP) — Canada survived its second straight scare against one of the lower seeds in the Olympic hockey tournament, defeating ninth-seeded Switzerland 4-2 Tuesday to move into first place in its division.

Gord Sherven's rebound goal with 15:14 to play snapped a 1-1 tie and spoiled an excellent game by Swiss goalie Richard Bucher.

Fourth-seeded Canada, a 1-0

ICE HOCKEY

Boisvert's goal.

With 8:51 left in the second, Burke got a holding penalty after mishandling the puck behind the net. And six seconds after teammate Claude Vilgrain went off to serve the penalty, Peter Schlagenhauf tied the score on an assist from Koelliker.

Poland pulls up Sweden

In the earlier game, Poland, mounting a tough, hard-hitting defence, tied top-seeded Sweden 1-1.

Sweden, the 1987 class A world champion, was coming off a 13-2 rout of France but was unable to skate around the Poles' defence fortress.

The game's only goals were scored 43 seconds apart early in the second period.

Becker, Cash struggle in Italy

MILAN (R) — Top seeded Boris Becker struggled to find his form in a tough first round tie against France's Guy Forget in the Italian indoor tennis championships Tuesday.

Former Wimbledon champion Becker, who won here last year, finally beat Forget 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 but showed the effects of a two-month tournament layoff due to leg and back injuries.

Competing in his first circuit tournament this year, the West German's net play and ground strokes appeared sloppy and he made several unforced errors.

Becker relied in the end on his explosive serve to get him into the second round and attributed his mediocre performance both to periodic lapses of concentration and Forget's aggressive style.

Wimbledon champion Pat Cash faced a surprisingly stiff challenge from unheralded 16-year-old Niklas Kulti of Sweden in his first round match.

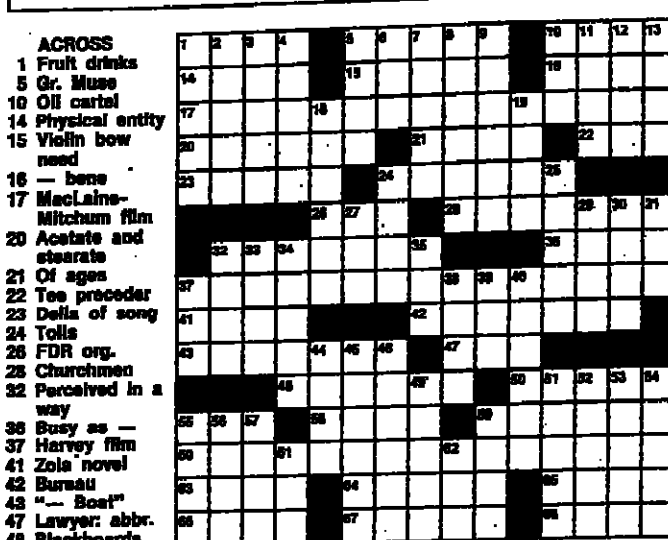
Cash, seeded fourth here, also relied on a booming serve to defeat the aggressive Kulti 6-3, 6-4. The lanky Swede, using a whip-like two-fisted backhand, appeared to catch Cash off guard in the first set.

But his inexperience showed in the second set after he committed several unforced errors to give Cash a five-four service break.

"He hit the ball harder than I thought," Cash said of his opponent. "He's a bright young player," the Australian told journalists.

Kulti, who has won nine national junior titles, took the Orange Bowl (Florida) tournament in 1985 in the 14 and under category, as well as Port Washington and the European championships.

THE Daily Crossword by Elizabeth Arthur



Yesterday's Puzzle Solvent:

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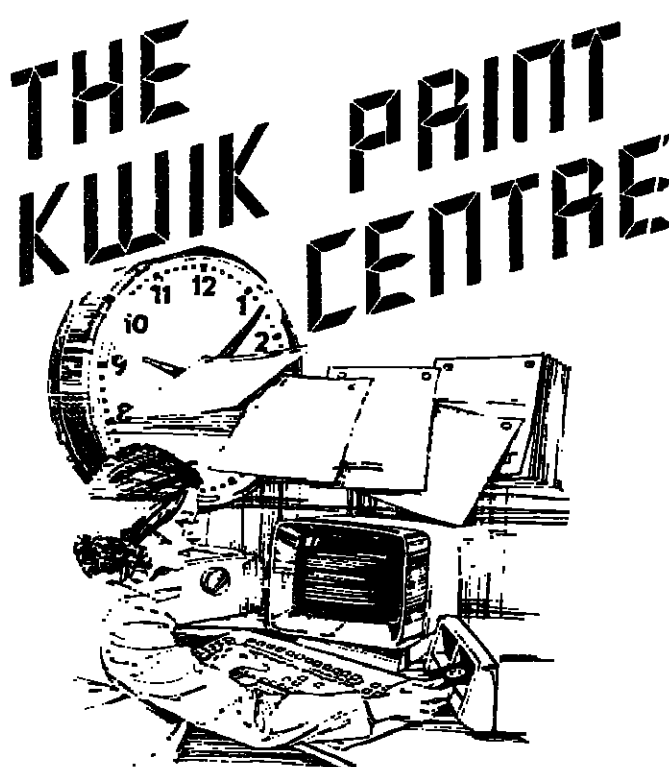
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Plans include pricing services and mergers CBJ reactivates secondary market trading

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) said Wednesday it has adopted several measures to reactivate the secondary financial market in Jordan and to encourage dealing with government securities.

Deputy CBJ Governor Maher Shukri told the Jordan Times the central bank has started the process of laying down the grounds for the establishment of a mechanism to start a secondary market in government securities. He said that banks will start issuing a yield curve based on which banks would be able to price securities and to observe uniformity in pricing.

He said that the bank had to amend four laws related to the public debt, a central bank law, a banking law and another of the Amman Financial Market to achieve this end.

Under the new changes, commercial banks and financial institutions can now trade government securities without going through the Amman Financial Market except for registering the deal. Under the new arrangement, banks would determine the prices of government securities. The central bank would intervene to buy and sell according to the yield curve, Shukri said.

The central bank would respond to some bids and offers in securities under open market operations, without necessarily being restricted by the yield curve.

The central bank has eliminated the requirement on banks to hold a certain percentage of their capital in bonds and government securities. The banks would be free to buy and sell as they wish, thus when they need liquidity,

they could borrow against government securities.

Shukri said banks responded positively to the CBJ move though banks were cautious to trade now because, "at this moment, everybody is a buyer." He said that since the primary market does not supply demand, demand increases and yields decrease.

The Amman Financial Market is currently working with the central bank and Reuters news agency to facilitate broadcasts of securities prices to all investors through the agency's financial service.

"We hope the market will be developed and reactivated and that this will cause a secondary market to develop for other securities such as corporate bonds," Shukri said in an interview.

He pointed out that this would clear the way for the creation of new instruments such as commercial papers, convertible bonds and mutual funds. "The potential has always been there," he stressed.

Shukri said the ongoing measures would help overcome the problem of the fragmentation of interest rates and their structure.

Pricing services

The deputy governor said the central bank was currently working on unifying pricing of banking services. "We will achieve this very shortly," he said.

Such changes on pricing of banking services, he added, have a bearing on interest rates which would affect payments on deposits as well as loans.

Reviewing the government's policy encouraging mergers of banks, financial institutions and companies, Shukri said that institutions with a stronger capital base and a healthy balance sheet

were more viable than smaller weak institutions.

He said the merging of the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company with the Jordan Fertilisers Company as well as the merger of the Kingdom's two cement factories, were very successful.

He said the two merging institutions were now beginning to show much better results.

"It may have worked against shareholders interests there and then," Shukri said, "but on the long run, the mergers will prove much better."

Underlining the need to strengthen the secondary market, Shukri urged investment banks to play an active role in reviving the market.

As things stand, he said, there is hardly any difference between investment and commercial banks.

Declaring identity

In a lecture he delivered Tuesday at the Association of Banks in Jordan, Shukri said Jordanian laws allowed for mergers and acquisitions and that laws governing takeovers were more lenient than in other countries.

He pointed out that in the U.S., those buying five per cent of a company would be forced by the Securities Exchange Commission to reveal their identity.

In Jordan the percentage reaches 20 per cent and the buyer would not have to declare himself.

He said that takeovers may

occur in Jordan in the future for investment purposes though such transactions would be difficult to realise as legislation would prevent it in certain cases if the takeover may prove harmful to the general interest.

Shukri said that mergers in Jordan were urged for organisational purposes and to rectify the financial status of troubled companies.

The deputy governor said that following the recession period in Jordan, banks and financial institutions as well as insurance companies have proliferated which forced the need for mergers. He said the government was offering troubled companies incentives to merge such as tax exemptions and other facilities.

"Logic tells us that we should encourage mergers... strengthen capital bases of banks, financial institutions and companies to improve their general performance," he noted.

He said that mergers also worked in favour of shareholders.

As of Feb. 20, the central bank will start handing to the public bond certificates which are due for maturity in 1995, according to a CBJ announcement Wednesday.

The announcement directed members of the public to call at the CBJ premises or commercial banks where they paid for these bonds to receive them.

CBJ issues development bonds from time to time and pays interest on these bonds every six months.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One Sterling	1.7442/52	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.2685/95	Canadian dollar
	1.7110/20	Deutsche marks
	1.9211/21	Dutch guilders
	1.4057/67	Swiss francs
	35.79/82	Belgian francs
	5.7790/7820	French francs
	1259/1260	Italian lire
	130.40/50	Japanese yen
	6.0830/80	Swedish crowns
	6.4520/70	Norwegian crowns
	6.5350/5400	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	444.75/445.25	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices continued firm in late trading but volume was still at the recent low levels, dealers said. At 1530 GMT Wednesday, the FTSE 100 was up 13.9 points at 1,748.5 after a rally on Wall Street Tuesday and on hopes of tax cuts in the March 15 U.K. budget. But dealers said much of the advance reflected tactical moves by market makers in a market which was still trying to find a level. "Despite today's mark up, I really can't see this market going anywhere in the near term," one dealer said. He noted that business was still mainly confined to portfolio movement and switching operations, with little new investment going on. The firmer trend was sided by hopes that Ford workers will Thursday approve Tuesday's deal by Ford U.K. and union leaders to end the strike. While there is relief a long-term Ford strike may be averted, fears exist that a rush of wage claims inspired by the Ford dispute could trigger inflation.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cooperative bank highlights operations

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan Cooperative Bank Director General Ghaleb Al Qalqili said that the bank's total deposits at the end of December 1987 amounted to JD 10,895,000, while the total loans granted by the bank to cooperative societies at the end of 1987 stood at JD 11,409,000. In a report published Tuesday in Al Ra'i newspaper, Qalqili added that the bank granted loans amounting to JD 1,881,000 in 1987, of which JD 1,749,000 were seasonal and medium term agricultural loans. He further said that repayments of loans during the same year totalled JD 1,528,000.

South Shouneh passes JD 141,908 budget

SOUTH SHOUNEH (Petra) — The South Shouneh Municipal Council has approved a budget of JD 141,908 for the year 1988. The budget includes allocations for asphalt roads, construction of a park and a public garden and the construction of pavements and embankments for the main roads in the town. The budget also includes allocations for acquisition of land, illumination of streets, beautification of streets and buying garbage containers.

Hotel workers offer pay to back uprising

AMMAN (J.T.) — Hotel workers in Jordan have decided to offer a day's pay to the Arab people of the occupied Arab land in support of their steadfastness in the face of Israel's arbitrary rule. The decision was made at a general meeting of workers in hotel and tourist businesses.

Jordan to display products in Tunis

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian Commercial Centres Corporation (JCCC) announced Wednesday that it will organise a Jordanian trade fair in Tunis between April 13-24. JCCC invited interested businessmen and factories to apply for participation in that fair starting Feb. 20. Jordanian businesses taking part in the fair will be able to sell directly to the public in Tunis.

Zarqa post offices collect JD 1.5 million

ZARQA (J.T.) — Post offices in Zarqa Governorate last year handled 4.8 million postal items and collected JD 1.474 million in revenues, according to Zarqa Communications Department Director Mohammad Adaleh. He said in a statement to Al Ra'i newspaper that the number of post offices in Zarqa and its neighbouring towns and villages will be increased during this year to cover all populated areas. The number of post offices in the Zarqa Governorate at present stand at 29.

Expatriates to set up firm this month

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian investment holding company with a declared capital of JD 10 million, to be subscribed by Jordanian expatriates will be officially set up in Amman at the end of this month, a senior official has said. Ministry of Labour's Jordanian Expatriates Department Director Azmi Al Muhtaseb said the company will be established in implementation of a decision taken at the third Jordanian expatriates' conference held in Amman during the summer of 1987.

Government to continue farm subsidies

AMMAN (J.T.) — The government will buy locally produced potatoes, onions, garlic and also tomatoes for processing at 50 fils a kilogramme according to a report in Al Dustour newspaper. The paper said that the government will continue to offer subsidy to all farmers who are committed to the agricultural pattern system and will pay JD 10 for each dunum of land in the Jordan Valley and JD 15 for each dunum in rain-fed regions. According to the paper, the government has also decided to exempt farmers from paying fees on carton boxes containing crops for export.

Orphans' fund holds JD 16.7m in assets

AMMAN (J.T.) — A corporation entrusted with managing orphans' funds said in a booklet that its total investments in 1986 amounted to JD 16.7 million. These investments were made in real estate, public shareholding companies and other businesses. The corporation has also set up buildings and shopping centres for rent to the public.

Ata Ali to take part in Bahrain Show

AMMAN (J.T.) — Ata Ali Group, a Jordanian private company which manufactures ice cream and traditional Arabic sweets and confectionery will be taking part in the 1988 Middle East Food and Equipment Exhibition (MEFE) which will be held in Bahrain from Feb. 27-March 27. Forty American companies are also participating in the exhibition. Egypt will also be represented at the show by a national group consisting of nine companies, most of them dealing in chocolate and confectionery items.

West Bank uprising hits Israeli economy

TEL AVIV (R) — Builders are short of labour, share traders are depressed and banks are busy bouncing bad cheques as Israel's economy suffers from the 10-week-old Palestinian uprising in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, Israeli officials and economists said.

The economic squeeze is worst among people in the occupied territories themselves, where a virtually total commercial strike is threatening a rash of bankruptcies.

"The uprising will cause the residents of the territories great damage. On the other hand, their chances of exerting pressure on the Israeli economy are not great," said Meron Benvenisti, an Israeli who runs an independent think-tank on the territories.

Amos Rubin, economic adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, told Reuters the main problem was in the construction industry where workers had not been turning up and building times were being extended by 10 to 15 per cent.

Other economists said Israeli textile companies with big Arab work forces had also been hit, forcing some to miss export deadlines, while there were problems harvesting fruit and vegetables usually picked by Palestinians.

Shortages forced fruit and vegetable prices up 9.3 per cent in January, aggravating general inflation.

The strike in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has slashed demand for Israeli goods in the areas, normally Israel's biggest "export" market with annual sales of almost \$1 billion.

Palestinian businessmen are likely to see their problems worsen as a result of a recent decision by the occupation authorities to restrict the flow of money into the territories from Jordan.

"After two months of shutdowns, their savings are running low and many of them have exhausted their resources," said Yehuda Litani, a veteran reporter who covers the territories for the Jerusalem Post newspaper.

The prospect of widespread Palestinian bankruptcies is causing nervousness in the Israeli banking system, as banks are forced to bounce more bad cheques.

An official of Bank Leumi, who declined to be identified, said the four biggest banks had appealed to the Bank of Israel (central bank) to relax a law which requires them to freeze the account of anybody writing 10 bad cheques in a month.

The central bank turned down the appeal and we have had to freeze

thousands of accounts," he said. Gloom has spread to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, where investors also fear the government may soon introduce a capital gains tax. The market has dropped about 30 per cent, wiping \$1.5 billion off the value of shares in the past two months.

Benvenisti said Israel's problem was more social than economic. "The Palestinians are only six per cent of the Israeli work force, but they are cheap labour and do all the dirty work," he said.

"The existence of cheap labour has caused some Israeli firms to put off modernisation programmes, and of course these companies are now feeling the squeeze," he noted.

"But the squeeze on the Palestinians is worse. Seventy per cent of all the goods they buy come from Israel," he said, adding: "It says something for the depth of their feelings that they've been able to hold out this long."

Al Quds radio urges Arabs to sabotage Israeli economy

A Palestinian radio station aiming its broadcasts at the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip urged youths Tuesday to step up their protests against Israeli rule and sabotage Israel's economy.

"We call upon you, Palestinians in the occupied territories, to boycott Israeli products and keep up daily demonstrations and clashes with the Israelis," it said.

"The youths are responsible for keeping the torch kindled every day in all areas," it said.

The radio said the appeal was issued by the United Palestinian Front, described as a coalition of popular groups and independents in the occupied territories.

The statement appealed to Palestinians not to go to work in Israeli factories or farms Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Fridays should be reserved for prayer, it said, while Sundays "should be assigned for general strikes, as Palestinian workers should spare no effort to sabotage Israeli farms and factories."

"This programme is the minimum required for the continuation of the uprising," it added.

"Do escalate your confrontation with the enemy and foil all capitulationist settlements in order to create the Palestinian state."

Kuwait lends Cyprus \$16m

KUWAIT (R) — The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development has lent Cyprus 4.3 million dinars (\$16 million) to help finance a water project, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported Wednesday.

The project, due for completion in 1993 at a total cost of \$170 million, will divert water from the Dhiarizos River for agricultural and drinking purposes.

The 16-year loan, with a six-year grace period, is at five per cent interest, KUNA said.

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1988

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Fichter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES:

People who are progressive and original in their ideas show you how to use your best abilities to increase your opportunities for success. This evening should be spent relaxing at home with your mate.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Try to have more confidence in your abilities, and you can gain your personal wishes more easily. Drive with the utmost care tonight.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) Bring your finest talents to the attention of those who can help you capitalize on them. Some civic work can bring you greater prestige.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) An important credit matter should be handled very carefully. Pay special attention to the state of your health at this time.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Your intuition is particularly good right now, so follow it without hesitation. Get plenty of well-earned rest tonight.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Check out the details of a business deal you are getting into, and make sure you understand it completely. Be more considerate of your mate.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be diplomatic and pleasant in any business dealings today, and gain greater prestige. Do an important favor for a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You can be much more efficient by getting your surroundings in better order. Be very careful in motion of any kind this evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make arrangements to see some friends for recreation later in the day. Use your creative abilities to improve your chances for success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be more practical in handling home affairs, and gain the cooperation of your family. If you go out tonight, don't spend too much.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) This is a good time to catch up on your correspondence, which has been piling up lately. Do some entertaining at home tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) If you have to repay a social obligation, this would be a good time to do so. Take some time to improve your health and appearance.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1988

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Fichter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You are apt to be very confused today, so make sure you know the true facts and figures before making any decisions. You can learn much about your co-workers by quietly watching their actions.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't let your mate throw you off-schedule and keep you from doing your work. Keep your eyes open for any new opportunities.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) Do your best to help a friend who is disturbed over a very serious matter, but don't neglect to take care of your own obligations tonight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Don't do anything which could jeopardize your reputation. This is not a good time to act in favor of a superior or your friends.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) This is not a good day to begin any new projects or to go off on any unusual tangents. Avoid a stranger this evening.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Try to handle your life without bothering a past benefactor. Don't open any old wounds with your mate, or an unfortunate quarrel could ensue.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You can avoid trouble today by being sure to keep any promises you have made. Try to be more pleasing to your mate this evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your work may seem a bit boring today, but have some patience and you will be rewarded. A co-worker could cause you some tension.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Forget about having fun today, and maintain the harmonious situation at home or in the office by getting more work done.

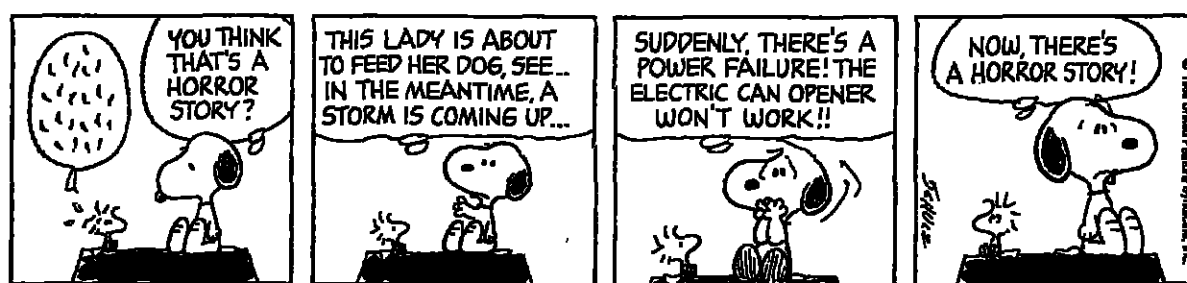
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Avoid any friction at home by being less ready to argue every point. Stay around friends who do not spend too much money.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be extra-careful while driving or in motion of any kind today. An important discussion with your family should be handled tonight.

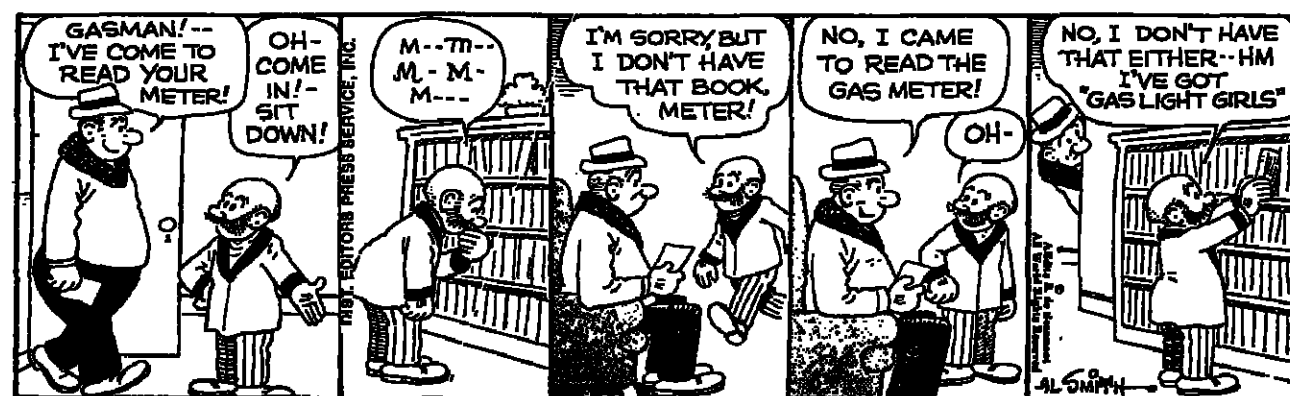
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Instead of taking on more expenses today, make a plan to save more money. Go out and visit a good friend you haven't seen for a while.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You may feel as if you would like to run away from your daily routines today, but if you have a talk with a good friend, you'll feel better.

Peanuts



Mutt'n' Jeff

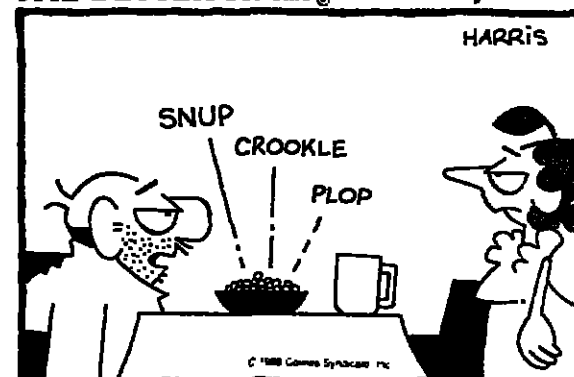


Andy Capp



THE BETTER HALF.

By Harris



"Even my cereal has trouble waking up on Monday morning!"

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

EMSOO

WEPOR

LADPIL

AECIPE

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BLOOM FRUIT ENCORE DUSOUT

Answer: What the judge said when a skunk walked in--ODOR IN THE COURT!

Rebel attacks on troops continue

Grenade explodes outside Israeli mission in Manila

MANILA (Agencies) — A grenade exploded outside a building housing the Israeli embassy, and the death toll in bloody regional elections in the southern Philippines climbed to at least 25, officials said Wednesday.

The military also reported that suspected Communist rebels ambushed a Philippine constabulary patrol Tuesday in northern Luzon's mountain province, killing eight troopers and wounding 10 others.

A constabulary report said one rebel was believed killed.

Police sergeant Danilo Donato said an M-2 grenade, rigged with a timer, exploded about 9 p.m. (1300 GMT) Tuesday outside the Philippine Savings Bank in suburban Makati, shattering windows but causing no injuries.

Another grenade was found on the ground floor but failed to explode, he said. The building houses the Israeli embassy, but Israeli Ambassador Meir Gavesh told the Associated Press he did not believe the embassy was the target.

"We don't have any clues as to who could have possibly done it," Gavesh said.

Communist rebels threatened this month to attack Israeli targets here because of alleged support for the government's anti-insurgency campaign.

Israeli diplomats deny the country is involved in the campaign against the rebels.

Meanwhile, the government-run Philippine Information Agency said at least 25 people had

been killed and 50 others injured during clashes between rival political factions in Sulu province, which erupted three days before last Monday's regional elections.

The military sent 4,000 troops backed by helicopters and warships to the largely Muslim province to guard against election violence. Sulu was the last province to hold regional elections, which began Jan. 18.

In other developments, an underground organization of pro-rebel priests and nuns accused the Roman Catholic hierarchy Wednesday of abandoning its mission to serve the poor by supporting President Corason Aquino's "total war policy."

"By giving blessings to the total war policy of the U.S.-Aquino regime, the reactionary church leadership betrayed us all whom they are supposed to serve," the Christians for National Liberation (CNL) said in an advertisement in the Philippine daily Inquirer.

The CNL is a branch of the Communist-dominated National Democratic Front. The statement followed recent charges by Cardinal Jaime L. Sin, archbishop of Manila, that Communists had infiltrated the church's social welfare agency.

On Tuesday, Philippine De-

fence Secretary Fidel Ramos said harsher laws are needed to combat the 19-year-old Communist insurgency and restore law and order in this turbulent country.

But he said the rebellion was not at the stage where a state of national emergency was needed. In another development, the head of the Philippine Armed Forces lashed out at politicians Wednesday for questioning soldiers on human-rights abuses, saying constant probing hurt their chances of defeating Communist rebels.

General Renato De Villa told a Philippine House of Representatives subcommittee on human rights that investigations like one it was conducting into alleged torture of rebel suspects were confusing the military.

"Whose side do you want to protect," he asked, raising his voice in exasperation.

"What do you want us to do? just sit down?" he said. He said the house investigation into supposed abuses by soldiers "affects adversely their will to fight and their effectiveness in pursuing their duty."

De Villa told the legislators to look instead into human-rights violations he said were committed by guerrillas.

"We respect human rights," he said repeatedly. The rare emotional outburst centered on whether soldiers had tortured some of 20 top Communist suspects captured two weeks ago after a series of raids in Manila.

Dukakis, Bush win in first primary

MANCHESTER, New Hampshire (R) — U.S. Vice-President George Bush has bounced back as the Republican Party's front-runner to succeed President Reagan by overturning the opinion polls and trouncing his archrival Senator Robert Dole in the New Hampshire primary election.

His embattled campaign to secure the party's presidential nomination surged back to life and he proclaimed jubilantly: "Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated."

The often-mocked Bush rescued his bid for the White House nomination by beating Robert Dole by about 38 to 29 per cent in official returns of the New Hampshire primary Tuesday night.

With the campaign about to head into the conservative south, where 12 states will select presidential nominating convention delegates in the 20-state "Super Tuesday" primaries on March 8, Bush's recovery came in the nick of time for him.

On the Democratic side, Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis easily won the first primary election of the 1988 presidential campaign.

Dukakis beat his nearest rival, Missouri Congressman Gephardt, by 36 to 20 per cent. Illinois Senator Simon was third with 17 per cent.

Former television evangelist Pat Robertson, who shocked Bush by finishing second in Iowa, was fifth and last in the Republican New Hampshire contest at about 10 per cent support.

Third place went to conservative New York Congressman Jack Kemp at about 13 per cent. Former Delaware governor Peter Du Pont was fourth with slightly over 10 per cent.

Pakistan set for Afghan talks with Shultz

WASHINGTON (R) — A senior Pakistani envoy will confer with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in Washington Wednesday about Moscow's offer to pull its troops out of Afghanistan, the Pakistani minister said Tuesday. Pakistani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Zain Noorani was arriving in Washington Tuesday and was due to depart on Thursday, an embassy spokesman told Reuters.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev offered last week to start withdrawing Soviet forces from Afghanistan on May 15 if Pakistan and the Moscow-backed Kabul government sign a United Nations-sponsored peace agreement by March 15.

Pakistan says it will not sign an accord unless there is prior agreement on the make-up of an interim government in Kabul.

members of a rival militant group, the People's Liberation Organisation of Tamil Eelam, had sought refuge there.

The Tigers, who have spearheaded a separatist guerrilla war for a Tamil homeland since 1983, often have been blamed for attacks on rival groups.

Meanwhile, Sri Lankan President Junius R. Jayewardene condemned the assassination Tuesday of popular movie star and major politician Vijaya Kumaratunga.

Temple blast death toll rises in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (AP) — Two more people died of injuries suffered in a grenade attack on a Hindu temple Wednesday night, raising the death toll to seven, state-run Sri Lankan Radio said.

The radio quoted hospital sources as saying two people died early Wednesday. All the victims were Tamil Hindus, who were at the temple in southern Colombo to celebrate the Hindu Mahashivaratri festival.

More than 60 people were in the Sri Kathiresan Temple when

unidentified assailants tossed two hand grenades into its inner chamber, witnesses said. Five people were killed instantly. At least eight others remain in the hospital with injuries.

Members of the main Tamil rebel group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, are suspected to be behind the attack, a police officer connected with investigations said.

The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Tigers attacked the temple because

Britain says anti-IRA violence measures will become permanent

LONDON (R) — Britain says emergency anti-terrorism measures aimed at curbing Irish Republican Army (IRA) violence will become a permanent law, despite fears that the move could further strain relations with Ireland.

The Prevention of Terrorism Act, enacted in 1974 to stem a wave of IRA bombings in Britain, has been condemned by critics as an abuse of human rights.

It allows police to hold guerrilla suspects without charge for up to seven days and exclude them

from the British mainland.

British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd told Parliament Tuesday that the act would become a permanent feature of law and would no longer have to be reauthorized every five years. But he said the act would still be reviewed annually by legislators.

The arrangement appeared to be a compromise aimed at appeasing Dublin, and comes at a low-point in relations between Britain and Ireland.

A special relationship between Dublin and London, based on the 1985 Anglo-Irish agreement, has

been strained by British refusal to investigate charges of a police "shoot-to-kill" policy against suspected guerrillas in the British-ruled province.

Relations have been further soured by a legal dispute that has halted the extradition of guerrilla suspects and a British court's rejection of an appeal by six Irishmen convicted for 1974 pub bombings in Britain that prompted the emergency act.

In Belfast, British and Irish ministers gave no sign of progress after meeting Tuesday in a bid to defuse tensions between their countries.

California man kills 7 in 6-hour stalk, shooting spree

SUNNYVALE, California (AP) — A man fired from a defence plant for harassing women stalked the company for six hours, fatally shooting seven people and wounding five as terrified employees hid under desks and in offices until he surrendered, authorities said.

Among the injured was a woman who spurned his attentions, police said. It was not clear how many of his victims the gunman knew. Richard Wade Farley, 39, of nearby San Jose walked from the sprawling two-story Esf Corp. building about 8:30 p.m. Tuesday (0430 GMT Wednesday) with his hands in the air. He was quickly surrounded by three officers and taken to the Santa Clara County Jail.

The bodies of two women and five men were found when police swept through the building after the arrest, said Commander Alex Michaels of the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety.

Police said the gunman took no hostages, but that many employees had to hide under desks or in locked rooms.

On the second floor, the gunman met the woman who had spurned him, 26-year-old engineer Laura Black. When she slammed an office door in his face, he shot her through the door, Grijalva said. He said Farley told police he shot the others because "he felt threatened by them."

Black was wounded in the shoulder, police said.

Farley had worked at Esf, as a computer software technician before he was fired two years ago after complaints that he sexually harassed Black.

Bahamian prime minister implicated in Lehder trial

JACKSONVILLE, Florida (AP) — A marijuana smuggler testified in the trial of Carlos Lehder Rivas Tuesday that he met with Bahamian Prime Minister Lynden O. Pindling at a casino on Paradise Island in the fall of 1980, and paid him \$400,000 for protection.

George W. "Bill" Baron III of Fort Lauderdale, Florida said the money, in a briefcase, was paid to protect his marijuana-smuggling

boats from Bahamian police as they sailed through the Bahamas.

Baron said that at the time of the meeting he was paying \$15 for each pound of marijuana he smuggled through the Bahamas.

Baron's testimony opened the 11th week in the trial of Lehder, the reputed cocaine kingpin captured just over a year ago in Colombia.

Fighting halts during Thai-Laos peace talks

BANGKOK (R) — Fighting has stopped on the embattled Thai-Lao border for the first time in weeks as military leaders continue to try to work out a formula for lasting peace.

On Wednesday, Laotian Military Commander General Sisavat Keobounphan and his Thai counterpart, General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, met alone for 15 minutes before summoning aides for a second day of ceasefire talks at air force headquarters.

Thai military officers said prospects were good the military leaders would work out a formal agreement Wednesday to end the worst fighting in a generation between the two countries.

Thai military staff at the front said there had been no combat with Laos in the disputed 80 square kilometre-area, where northern Laos cleaves into north-eastern Thailand, since the talks began Tuesday morning.

S. African police try to smash Soweto rent boycott

SOWETO, South Africa (R) — South African troops and police cordoned off a run-down section of Soweto township Wednesday and evicted residents taking part in a mass rent boycott which has cost the government millions of dollars.

A Reuters correspondent at the scene said at least 40 families had been evicted since Tuesday from flimsy homes in the White City area of the huge township outside Johannesburg.

It was the latest attempt by the white-led government to break the boycott, launched in mid-1986 to protest against a nationwide state of emergency aimed at controlling a wave of black unrest.

The authorities have lost hundreds of millions of dollars in unpaid rents because of the boycott.

On Wednesday, eyewitnesses said police wielding whips charged about 150 residents as they were marching towards the local council offices to demand an

end to evictions. Twelve of the marchers were arrested, while the rest dispersed as thousands of residents stayed away from jobs in Johannesburg, apparently to protect their belongings.

Reporters were escorted by police out of White City and told not to return while the operation was under way.

Soldiers, some in armoured personnel carriers and others on motorcycles, kept watch as black council policemen, dubbed "blackjacks," went from house to house to evict people.

As families were ordered out, valuable possessions were impounded to force people to pay the rent arrears.

The boycott in Soweto, South Africa's biggest black township, and other communities has deprived local authorities of their primary revenue source, forcing them to scale down essential services.

Shultz: U.S. not at fault in Black Sea incident

MIAMI (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz denied Monday the United States had provoked an incident in the Black Sea last Friday in which minor collisions occurred between two American warships and two Soviet vessels.

However, he said the American ships were in the Black Sea as part of a traditional U.S. maritime policy that has been "energized" by the Reagan administration.

Shultz, the highest-ranking U.S. official to comment on the

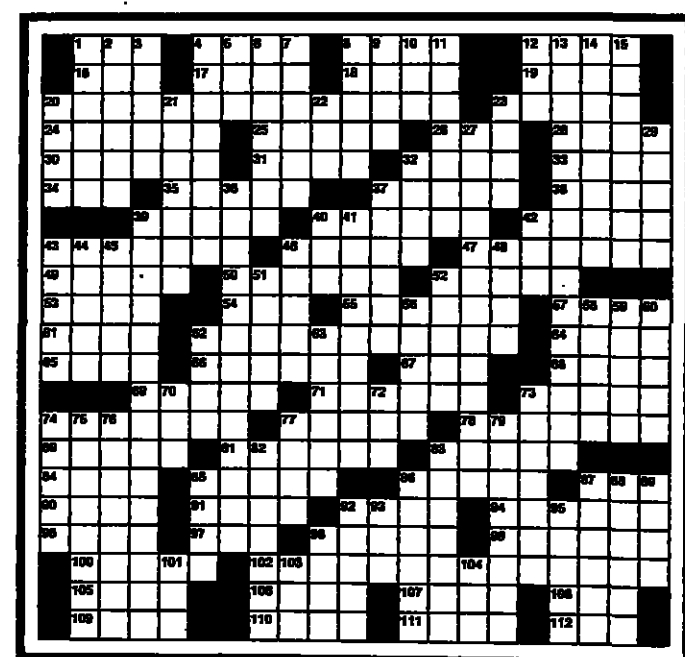
incident, which has led to a spate of diplomatic protests, told a news conference: "There is nothing provocative about asserting rights that we already have."

The two American ships, the cruiser Yorktown and the destroyer Caron, were damaged slightly in the incidents, which occurred less than 16 kilometres off the Crimean coast. There were no U.S. injuries.

In a related development, the two U.S. warships have left the Black Sea, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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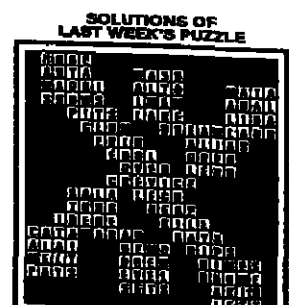
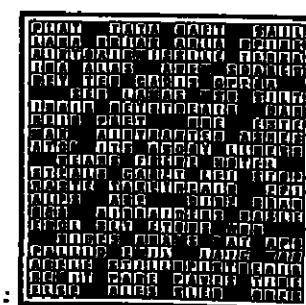


Last Week's Cryptograms

1. Fast-moving darts cheap often darted into the tavern for a fast-paced game.
2. To lead our human characteristics to an animal is called anthropomorphism.
3. Junk mail is more of a nuisance than junk cars. At least the cars are a source for spare parts.
4. And where are the good weddings with white gowns now?

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. CXXLEK EDSAXZ NR COLLEX INSAXZ MI
CB FOR ORZ GLMSA NR XFLE CDLEX.
—By Ed Eddelstone
2. STEAK HYWRG SATZEWOK I CWIWEWO,
HYRO CHEZR I TEZZ GET KRCCRW.
—By Lois H. Jones
3. LOFXC CIOAE BEI WZC JIA XBRN AEG
NRXMM HVJX KZJ MAYQQ KIWG OL BVAE
XIQF.
—By Gordon Miller
4. ERTAJPB ERTAK LPC BPJ EDEL NL CPE
ADLJ SNB CDEFPANL SDBIPE. —By Earl Ireland



GOREN BRIDGE

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

- Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ A983 ♠ A74 ♠ J1052
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ 2 ♠
What action do you take?
A.—Because of the possible misfit, prospects for game are not very bright. However, since you are on lead against a club contract, it looks as if you might gain a substantial penalty by leading your singleton in partner's suit. Double. Even if you're wrong and the opponents make their contract, no major harm will have ensued.
- Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 107 ♠ Q93 ♠ K1098432 ♠ 8
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
3 NT Pass
What action do you take?
A.—It is quite probable that you have a slam—anytime you have a fair seven-card suit opposite an announced 25-27 points, you should be bullish. Your first step is to set the trump suit, so start the process by bidding four diamonds.
- Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ Q882 ♠ A107 ♠ KJ82 ♠ 6
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What do you bid now?
A.—Don't dilly-dally. Opposite a one spade opening bid, your hand reveals to a full opening. If you use splinter bids, jump to four clubs to show your singleton; if you do not, your alternative is a leap to
- Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 702 ♠ Q93 ♠ A83 ♠ 762
Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?
A.—When partner opens one of a minor, your primary duty is to show a major suit, if you have one. Therefore, bid one spade, even though your suit is weak. Don't even think about one no trump. You promise no more strength with a suit response at the one-level than you do with one no trump.
- Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ KQJ72 ♠ 9 ♠ K105 ♠ A89
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
What do you bid now?
A.—Your hand is worth 19 points including distribution. If partner has a minimum (6-7 points), you might not have enough for game, especially since there is an outside chance that he has a singleton spade. A invitations jump to three spades seems to fit the bill perfectly.
- Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 965 ♠ A9J ♠ 1083 ♠ A872
Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?
A.—Even if you play five-card major opening bids, you need four-card support to jump raise partner's suit. Since you don't have that, all you can do for the moment is make a temporizing bid of two clubs to see how the auction develops.